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CHURCH
AT
NORTH UNION
CONTAINING
THE RISE AND PROGRESS OF THE
CHURCH
COMMENCING IN THE YEAR 1822,
AND BROUGHT FORWARD
TO THE PRESENT YEAR
1843.

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PREFACE.

The design of this Book is to contain a General Record of the rise and progress of the Church at North Union; consisting of the most important changes, removals, Visits &c. together with "Common Place" remarks &c. Which have or may occur from day to day; Which, although of little importance in themselves, may serve to keep up the chain of passing events and thereby substantiate other matters more important.

It will be seen by the title page that it is now more than twenty years since the commencement of this Society; during which time no Record has been kept until within a few years past, a "Family Journal" has been kept in the Church; therefore in retracing our steps at this time for recording purposes, we are under the necessity of depending upon our best recollection, or upon the most retentive memories, as our principle resource for information until we come up with the "Family Journal"; consequently the information in the forepart of this Record, will be found to be quite limited and deficient as to matter, brief in its statements, and imperfect in its origin; but the substance matter of what is stated, may be relied upon as being substantially correct with the exception of dates.

We are well aware that many things have transpired since the commencement of this Society, that would have been interesting and worthy of having been recorded, had any one taken it in hand in due season, that will now have to be omitted and passed over in silence; but the names and decease of members, dates, Instruments of writing, Articles of Agreement, Notes, Bonds, Deeds &c. have been kept from the beginning, and are still retained in the Church.

For convenience sake, certain matters of Record are Classified, and kept under seperate heads, in several different Books, in the following manner. Church Record A.– Office Record B.– Sacred Record C.– Record of Admissions D.– Obituary E. Memorable Events F.– Departures. G. &c.–

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Introduction.

The *origin* of the Millenial and Primitive Church Compared.

According to history, there is such a striking similarity between the *divine origin* of the Millenial & Primitive Church that, no one that is acquainted with the history of both, can be consistent in acknowledging the one, without acknowledging the other; or with rejecting the one, without rejecting the other; because they both originated from one and the same source, which is God, the source and fountain of all good.

But how do we know this? What evidences have we, beside historical — that either of them was of divine origin, or was established by divine Authority? We answer- by the effects produced.- "By their fruits ye shall know them"- In all ages of the world like causes produce like effects. What was acknowledged to be of divine origin, by the effects produced, in the primitive Church in the Apostolic age, must also be acknowledged to be of divine origin, by the same effects produced in the millenial Church in this day.

And what are these effects produced, and *fruits* by which the *true* Church should be known and distinguished from all others? They, are works of righteousness, and fruits of holiness; disinterested benevolence; void of selfishness; a virgin life; a life of celibacy; of continence; a separation from the world; devotion to God; a consecrated interest; being led and governed by one spirit, which is the spirit of love and good will; having fellowship one with another; being of one heart and of one mind; and "no man possessing aught of the things that he calls his own, but having all things in common;" the rich coming down on a level with the poor, and the poor being made equal with the rich; "the mountains brought low and the valleys raised up": possessing a diversity of supernatural gifts of the Spirit, which are the gifts of prophesy; gifts of tongues; the interpretation of tongues; gifts of discerning spirits; gifts of taking in departed spirits; and gifts of revelation &c. All of which abound in the Millenial Church at the present day.

It is generally believed that the Primitive Church originated in God; and was established by divine revelation through *Christ*, and the Apostles who succeeded him in the Ministry, and the same power and Authority that Christ possessed of God was transmitted to the Apostles; so, "whosoever received them received him; and whosoever received him, received him that sent him, which was God. And whosoever rejected them, rejected him; and whosoever rejected him, rejected Him that sent him; and whosoever sins they remitted they were remitted unto them; and whosoever sins they retained they were retained unto them; and whatsoever they bound on earth was bound in Heaven and whatsoever they loosed on earth was loosed in Heaven". This was the true line of order established in the primitive Church, and there was no other established by divine Authority in that day.- A diversity of supernatural and Spiritual Gifts also, existed in the primitive Church, similar to those existing in the Millenial Church at the present day.

But who was the *founder* of the Millenial Church? Whence did she originate? We admit that the *primitive* Church originated in God, and was established by divine Authority, by Christ and the Apostles, through divine revelation, and the ministration of holy Angels, accompanied by many irresistable signs, and evidences, and infallible proofs; but the *millenial* Church in this day, I know not from whence she is, whether she be of God, or of man, or of woman, says the caviler! What sayest thou? ! We say, from Heaven! From *God*, the *Eternal Mother*, Did she originate! And by this visible mark or sign may ye always know, the true Church. i.e. "*When ye see the branches flourish then know ye that the root is holy.*"!

But in answer to the question- Who was the *founder* of the Millenial Church? We answer, a chosen distinguished Female, ordained of God to be the first Mother, in the "new creation", in whom Christ made His Second Appearance, and commenced His millenial reign on earth; whose name was "Ann Lee," born Feb. 28th 1736. in Manchester, in England:- received the *divine revelation* from God, and the testimony of Christ in the year 1770.- left England in May 1774.- Arrived in America August 6th 1774.-

After the millenial Church was established at New-Lebanon, in its fullness, with all the power and Authority that the primitive Church had, other Churches began to take their rise from it, both in the eastern and western States; and to come under its patronage, order and government; and by receiving whomsoever they commissioned and sent, they received the true authority of the first Church on Earth, of Christ, and of God. Those who were commissioned and Authorized to open the way for the establishment of the first Church in the Western States; were John Meacham, Issacher Bates, and Benjamin S. Youngs. They were sent out from New-Lebanon, Jan. 1." 1805. and opened the testimony of the everlasting gospel, sometime in the Spring following: first at Union Village Warren County, Ohio. from which that Church took its rise.

After the Church at Union Village was fully established in gospel Order; other Churches began to originate from that; so that the Church at Union Village being the oldest and largest of any in the West, it was duly Authorized by the Church at New-Lebanon to stand as the Head, the center of Union, and governing influence of all the millenial Churches in the western Country; of which the Church at North-Union is one; which took its rise from the Church at Union Village in 1822. And from that time to the present a period of more than 20 years, the Society at North Union has ever owned and acknowledged the Church at Union Village to be its Parent and Mother Church; and Head of influence; to counsel, guide and direct in all things; and in every emergency its always found her true to her interests, & ready to extend the helping hand in every time of need.

Money given to the Western people to build up the different societies

Taken from the Lebanon Ministry manuscript.
Concerning money sent to the West from New Lebanon between 1805 & 1814 .. by the different Messengers sent out there !
I found on a paper belonging to the Ministry a statement that

$18..793.60cts: were sent from New Lebanon
.. 3009 46.. from Hancock & Enfield Conn
.. 3750 — from Canterbury — N.H.
.. 1375 — .. .. Enfield — N H

$,26,928

$150 of this sum is set down for 1818
1335 1814
750 1812
5467 were sent to the west in 1805
" " " " " "

"The first being sent by John Meacham Benjamin Seth Youngs & Issacher Bates
The second by David Darrow Solomon King &
Daniel Mosely — In co with sisters
The third by Elder Issacher Bates

Not one dollar of this has ever been returned nor expected to be — For it was given to build up the Western societies.

Taken from the Original copy Kept by the New Lebanon Ministry

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The Church at North Union took its rise in 1822. under the ministration of those who were commissioned and sent from the Church at Union Village; and among the first that were sent to open the testimony of the everlasting gospel at North Union, was James Hodge and Richard Pelham; who arrived in Warrens Ville and opened the testimony about the 25th. of March 1822.

The first that embraced the testimony of the gospel & set out to obey it, was Ralph Russell. - He had visited the Church at Union Village sometime previous, in Oct. 1821. where he received an understanding faith and set out with zeal to obey it; Which prepared him for a season, to become eminently useful and a distinguished leading member in the Society at North Union.

Altho, after Ralph had returned from his first visit at Union Village, in Oct. 1821. and was satisfied that he had found access to the true Church of Christ, established again on the Earth, and was making preparations for the purpose of moving his family in the Spring to locate himself at Union Village; it appears, that it became a question, and an important one too, in the minds of the leading influence of the Church, as to the expediency of locating a new Society in this place. Accordingly Ralph was advised to suspend his movements for the time being; and wait to see the effect of the testimony that was about to be opened to the inhabitants that dwelt in this region around about him.

Thus we see, by the overruling providence of God, how much out of sight the *origin* of His work is to mortals; and those too, whom He makes use of as instruments in commencing and perpetuating His work on the Earth. It is evident that Ralph Russell, was used as an instrument in the location of this Society. But when the testimony began to be opened by those who were commissioned and sent from the Church at Union Village, it took effect in the minds of those who were prepared to receive it.

There were a number of Ralph's most intimate friends, ———— acquaintances, and nearest neighbors, that did readily, and gladly embrace the testimony of the gospel when it was first opened unto them. - they did come when they were called; and this may be attributed in part to the influence that Ralphs private testimony had on them previous to their hearing the sound thereof. Among the number that

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first received the testimony of the gospel and set out to obey it
at North Union; was Ralph Russell, and his family; Chester
10." Risley and his family; and Elijah Russell and his family.
These were the first fruits of the first visit made by those
sent from the Church at Union Village to open the testimo
ny of the gospel at North Union, with the exception of Ralph
" Russell who had set out sometime previous.

24. The Elders having finished their first visit returned home at Union Village; and by this time Ralph had began to relinquish the idea of moving to Union Village, al tho he had rented his farm or 55 acres of it to one Elijah Gleason and made other necessary preparations for this express purpose. But when the testimony of the gospel come to be opened in its original plainness and simplicity, by those who were authorized; and enforced by the example of living witnesses; and when he saw the effect it had on his friend and neighbors, he fully accorded with the judgment of the Elders; which was to prepare for the settlement of a new Society.

Accordingly, he commenced building Log Cabbins, & as the country was new and the land heavy timbered, this was the cheapest and most expeditious way of building that could be devised at that time. – Log Cabbins, when built properly, and made tight, answer a very good purpose – they are warm and comfortable – this is the common way of building in new settlements in this country; and doubtless originated from this maxim. – "Necessity is the Mother of inventions." – These were the only buildings that Believers had for several years after the commencement of the Society.

In this way of building, the outward accommodations of the Society were commenced by Ralph Russell; instead of moving to Union Village; as he had contemplated he commenced building on his own plantation; situated perhaps, 40 or 50 rods east of the main road, running North and South, on Lot No. 23. – or between that and No. 22.

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Chester Risley, also, having begun in the work, moved into one of the new Log-Cabbins a few rods west of those that were built and occupied by Ralph. Here was a chosen spot of ground, which appeared to be designed in the overruling providence of God, to be the origin of the Society, as it respects its visibility and outward social compact.

Elijah Russell, altho he had received the testimony and set out to obey it, he remained with his family on his own plantation, which was perhaps ¼ of a mile north of where Ralph Russell had commenced building.

June.
9th The Elders from Union Village returned and resumed their labors again with the People, and not without success, for they were prospered, and the blessing of God attended their labors; clearly evincing that the work to which — they were called, was of God. This was their second visit, and finding prospects so favorable for the location and establishment of a new Society, that they returned again to Union Village, having obtained a good report.

Sept.
10th It appeas that the Question now, remained no longer a matter of doubt, in the minds of the Ministry at Union Village, as it respects the expediency of locating a Society at North Union; this question it appears at this time to have been about settled; accordingly, Ministers & Elders began to be sent from the Church at Union Village, of both sexes to begin to lay the foundation of what is now called North Union. The names of those sent at this time were as follows. —

Eleazer or Richard McNemar,
James Hodge,
& Richard W. Pelham.
Elders.
Anna Boyd,
Betsey Dunlavy.

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Sept. 15." During this visit, the testimony of the gospel was opened again, in its purity; by the foregoing mentioned Elders; and among those that embraced it, and set out to obey it, at this time; were Elisha Russell and perhaps some of his family; Riley Honey, and some others around began to gather in - the sound had gone out; and the Angels of conviction were at work among the honest hearted.

20." Public testimony now began to be opened to the people who came to hear. - The first public meeting that was opened, was held at the house of Elijah Russells; at his place of residence, on the Hill, in a Log-Cabbin; And here for the first time, they went forth, in that new and strange manner of worship, which was in the dance; "in the dances of them that make merry". This being a *new thing* many soon flocked to their meetings out of curiosity.

Oct.

23." It was during this visit that the Elders from Union Village, and Ralph Russell, went to Aurora and opened the testimony of the gospel there; and among the number of those who received it, was Prudence Sawyer who came to Warrens-Ville on a visit to see the Believers; - she arrived at the house of Elisha Russells on thursday Evening while they were assembled in meeting. - The Elders from Union Village were present, and Elder Eleazer addressed the meeting to good effect. - they then sung some Hymns and dismissed the assembly.

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Among those that had received the testimony of the gospel, and had set out to obey it, that had families, were Ralph Russell, Chester Risley, Elijah Russell, Elisha Russell. Ralph's children were small.- Chester had one child, an only daughter; whose name was Lucina - Elijah had seven children, six daughters and one son; whose names were Melenda, Eunice, Esther, Adeline, Caroline, Emeline, and Marcus. Melenda & Eunice were nearly of age when they set out in the gospel.- Elisha had five daughters; whose names were Mary, Candace, Abagail, Amanda and Adeline; Mary and Candace were also, nearly of age at that time.- Amanda's original name was Hannah.-

Return Russell, also, with a numerous family, happened along about this time, as though God had designed, that through this name, in His overruling Providence the foundation of His Church should be established at North-Union.- Return was a natural Brother of those above mentioned. He had eleven children; whose names were Luther, Edward, Samuel, Sanford, Robert and Henry; Also Huldah, Rachel, Thankful, Roxiana, and Lydia.- Six sons & five daughters: for convenience sake, after they united with the Society, some of their names were altered.- Huldah's original name was Jerusha.- Rachel's original name was Abigail.- Thankful's original name was Mary-Ann.

Return, was moving with his family from Rodman, Jefferson County, New-York; and had in contemplation when he started, to go to a place called Blue River, in the State of Indiana.- They arrived in WarrensVille about the first of Oct. 1822.- They called to visit their friends; and when the testimony of the gospel come to be opened to them, it commended itself to their understandings in such a way that they had no occasion to go any further.

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Oct. Return, however, was not so easily diverted from his purpose; he was bent on seeing Indiana: accordingly he left his family (among his friends and proceeded on to Blue River, the place of his anticipated home when he started: having satisfied his curiosity in this excursion, he returned to Warrensville sometime in the forepart of Dec. 1822. Return, was a Baptist by profession, and as it respects the things of this life was well off. Altho he "believed, he made not haste" – he took time to consider the matter well; and to count the cost before he set out himself or consented to have any of his family – in this, he exercised wisdom – but in due time, after getting an understanding, he relinquished his Baptist sentiments and embraced the testimony of the gospel & set out to obey it and subsequently, his family all united with him, with only one exception; the most of whom have continued faithful to the present day, & become able supporters of the work of the gospel, and permanent pillars in the house of God. But neither Elijah's, Elisha's, nor Return's families, all embraced the gospel at one time; but it was a work of progression; according to their different degrees of light and understanding; but subsequently, they all did, with only one exception); and that was the oldest of Return's family.

24." As the work of the gospel increased, Meetings were held from house to house; sometimes at the house of Elijah Russell's and sometimes at the house of Elisha Russell's, and sometimes at Ralph's House. On friday Evening there was a Meeting held at the house of Aruna Baldwins; and as the work progressed, many were induced to come at first to these Meetings out of motives of Curiosity.

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1822.

Oct. 26." Sabbath Day. Public Meeting was held at the house of Elijah Russells; and also, on friday Evening following, at the same place.

Nov. 4." Wednesday. The Elders having finished their visit at this time; took their leave for their departure, to return home to Union Village; leaving the care of the Society with Ralph Russell; who at this time had become a prominent & leading member of the Society; and was distinguished for his ability in opening and defending the testimony of the gospel; and in leading the Meetings during the absence of the Elders. Chester Risley was sick; and continued weak and feeble for a long time.

Dec. 16." At this time, there was much anxiety and feeling to visit the Church at Union Village; accordingly two of the Brethren viz. Elijah, and Elisha Russell, had a Gift to go and make a visit, & see for themselves. – they set out on this journey about the 16 of Dec. and arrived at Union Village about the 24." of Dec. 1822.

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Jan. 24." The Brethren returned from their visit at Union Village; having been gone about 4 weeks; well satisfied with their visit; and greatly confirmed and strengthened in their faith; that the visible fruits they saw manifested in the — Church at Union Village, was sufficient to convince them or any unprejudiced mind that the work was of God; that they had seen now for themselves, that the Church at Union Village, was the true Millen̄ial Church; that should be established in the latter day according to the prediction of the Holy Prophets.

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1823.

Jan. 24" As the testimony of the gospel had been opened more or less to the People in this Section of Country; Visits were frequently made in towns around wherever it had taken effect; Accordingly Return Russell & some of his family went to Aurora about this time on a Visit.

Feb. 7" Two more of the Brethren went to Aurora on a visit, viz. Ralph Russell and Elijah Russell; opening and confirming the testimony of the gospel which had been previously opened and had taken effect in the minds of some residing in that place.

13" Among those in Aurora, who had embraced the testimony of the gospel, was Prudence Sawyer, who came & united with the Society about this time; the testimony had also, began to take effect in her Father's family, in the town of Mentor, Lake County, Ohio; who, mostly, through her influence were subsequently gathered into the Society. Their names including her Parents, were Benjamin, Polly, Mercy, Martha, Susannah & Alma. — With only one exception, they all remain faithful to the present day. — Mercy's original name was Mary.

15" The Elders from Union Village arrived again; those who came on a visit at this time were Elder Eleazer & Charles Hampton — None of the visiting Elders from the Church had as yet become stationary.

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March. 7th The Elders having finished their visit at this time returned again to Union Village; having tarried about 3 weeks.

May. 1st As the Society increased in numbers and Organization it become necessary to establish Order as fast as circumstances would admit. Accordingly, the children were gathered into Order, and occupied a building, - A Log Cabbin, which stood north, in connexion with the first Log cabbin built by Ralph Russell after the commencement of the Society. - Here they were gathered & a Teacher appointed to instruct them in the first principles of moral, social, religious, and literary acquirements. - their number at this time were only about ten, including both Boys and Girls.

June. As the visiting Elders sent from the Church at Union Village had not become stationary, there were frequently changes, and different persons sent. The names of those sent at this time were as follows.

Mathew Houston, } Elders. { Charlotte Morrell,
Richard W. Pelham. } { Betsey Dunlavy.

July. It was during this visit that Return Russell, and some of his family embraced the gospel and set out with full purpose of heart to obey it. The subject with them was important, and had been pending sometime; but was now brought to a crisis. Elder Mathew had a peculiar gathering gift, and every way suited to the present case. Thus we can trace the overruling Hand of God in almost every instance, in the formation of this Society.

The Elders returned again to Union Village sometime this present month which is July.

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1823.

Sept. 27″ As there had been some visiting to Union Village and found to be very satisfactory and strengthening to the faith of those just setting out in the work; it was encouraged to have as much of it as circumstances would admit; Although it was a distance of about 250 miles, through a new Country & bad roads; yet it was encouraged as being profitable to young Believers. Those whose privilege it was to go at this time, were as follows.

Ralph Russell,	Names	Laura Russell,
Chester Risley,	of Visitors	Huldah Russell,
Luther Russell,	to Union	Mary Russell.
Samuel Russell.	Village.	

Some of the *fruits* of this visit were, that Huldah and Mary confessed their sins while at Union Village; and returned home arrayed in a dress peculiar to the Daughters of Zion of the millenial Church: after making a satisfactory visit they all returned home towards the last of Oct. Accompanied by Lewis Bevin, Daniel N. Baird, and Balus Jackson; an African.

Oct. 8″ Among others that united with the Society about this time was Candace Russell.

Nov. 10″ Public Meetings were held at the House of Ralph Russell's, at this time, which was often crowded to overflowing. Ralph continued to lead the Meetings during the absence of the Elders.

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Nov. 15." As the Society continued to increase in numbers, it became necessary to increase the accommodations, by building Log-Cabbins; accordingly there was one put up North West of Ralph Russells New House, which after, it was finished was occupied not only for a dwelling House, but for public Meetings, and likewise for family Meetings. Another Log-Cabbin was also put up a few rods south of this; and another still further south, which was occupied for a Cheese House; and the one West, which was already built for Chester Risley; making in all 7 Cabbins; forming quite a Cluster of buildings; whose smoke ascending from their cat & clay chimneys in a cold frosty morning, assumed the appearance to a stranger afar off, of the native Wigwarms of an Indian Village.

Dec. Another Visit, was made from Union Village, by the Elders, consisting at this time of Elder David Spinning, and James Hodge, accompanied by Thomas Jones, An African; - Thomas was a Blacksmith, and formerly had been a Slave in Virginia; they arrived at North Union sometime in Dec. 1823.

Br. Return Russell, having now become established in the faith, made a purchase of a Lot of Land; which is now called the Mill Lot; No. 11. for which he paid one thousand Dollars; On which was a Saw-Mill partly built; which was soon afterwards completed; and an addition made to it of a small Grist-Mill, of one Run of Stone; which in a short time together with the Saw-Mill were put in successful operation. Although this was but the beginning of improments, and a "day of small things;" yet, small as it was, it was equal to the means and fully adequate to the demands of the Society at that time.

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Dec. The Land on which the Society was first started, was owned by Ralph Russell, Elijah Russell, Elisha Russell, Chester Risley, and Riley Honey; all of whom owned land adjoining each other, some parts of which were under a good degree of improvement and all of which were afterwards consecrated together. The Lot No. 22. the west side of the road on which the first Center House now stands was contracted for by Br. Return Russell; but mostly paid for by the Trustees of the Church at Union Village; And the Deed was taken in their name; since that time other purchases have been made by the Trustees of this Society; And some exchanges have been made by individuals; viz. John P. Root, Oliver Wheeler, and Rodney Russell; All of whom owned farms at a distance, and exchanged them for land near by; so that in a few years after the Society started, the land embodied together belonging to one interest amounted to some ten or twelve hundred Acres. 1400 Acres total

It appears that the Lots of Land when first bought by the owners before it was consecrated did not all hold out 160 Acres to a lot: Ralph Russell owned 55 Acres in the south West corner of Lot No. 23. Also, 59 Acres in Lot No. 34, on the east side which he afterwards sold to Chester Risley. Elijah Russell owned 100 Acres in Lot No 23. in the form of an L. after taking out Ralph's 55 Acres. Elisha Russell owned 100 Acres of his first purchase in Lot No. 34. Also 100 Acres in Lot No. 33. which he together with Riley Honey bought of one Orrin Knap at 4 dollars per Acre; Elisha had 30. Acres off of the East side of the Lot 33. Riley had 70 Acres, or 69 3/4 which made 100 Acres in Lot 33. the remainder of the Lot some 55 or 56 Acres was afterwards sold to Benjamin Sawyer. Return Russell bought 118 Acres in Lot No. 11. on which the Mills now stand: the remainder of the Lot, has since been bought by the Trustees of this Society.

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Dec. It is worthy of remark that in the commencement of this Society, those that were called were mostly if not altogether of the laboring class of People; in comfortable circumstances as it respects the things of this life. There were five men who were natural Brothers; who were plain practical farmers, men of good understanding, of sound judgment, and persevering in their undertakings, who were called in the early part of the Society. Their names were Ralph Russell, Elijah Russell, Elisha Russell, Return Russell, and Rodney Russell. They all had families with only one exception; who were moral, intelligent, industrious and respectable; and who at first composed more than two thirds of the Society. The __first three__ mentioned owned farms adjoining each other which were under a considerable degree of improvement, and which were a great help in the commencement of this Society. However much men may attribute things to natural causes, it is evident that there was an invisible overruling Hand, in the Origin of this work.

The Land that was first consecrated in the Society, was Lot No. 22. on which the __Center House__ now stands, and was principally paid for by the Trustees of the Church at Union Village, and the Deed taken and held in their name. This was considered as __consecrated__ property, free from all personal, private, or selfish claims whatever, from the time it was first purchased, which laid the foundation of a __united, consecrated interest.__ The Pattern was now given, and the example was now set by the Church at Union-Village; and some there were who were ready and willing to follow that example, even at this early period; but the time had not come for any further __consecration__ until longer experience had been given; so that when the time did come and the consecration of landed property was made; that there should be no just cause for recantation.

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Jan. Elder David Spinning returned home to Union-Village; James Hodge, and Thomas Jones remained through the Winter. Thomas finally remained in the Society some years; and was useful in the Black Smith's line of business.

Feb. About this time a general move took place - Elisha, Lydia, Huldah, Mary, Melinda Eunice & Adeline all moved to the Center Cabbins; to compose an addition to what was then the center family. Laura & Candace moved to the Mill - Return; lived at the Mill - Chester Riley & Betsey Russell lived on Elisha's old place, or what is now called the East-House.

The Children at this time were gathered and placed under the immediate care and instruction of Elijah Russell and Prudence Sawyer at Elijah's House. - their number at this time had increased to 17. including both Boys and Girls. Now began to be fulfilled the words of the Prophet. - "the days of mourning as in the days of Hadad Rimmon, every family apart and their wifes apart."

March. Br. James Hodge returned home to Union Village. Ralph Russell, continued to lead the Meetings, in the absence of the Elders. - The cabbin family which was now gathered into a degree of gospel order; where "the law began to go forth from Zion and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem", was the center of Union & the head of influence of the Society at this time.

Isaac Cooper & family united themselves to the Society sometime this year - Their names were Issac, Lucy, Nancy, Willard, and Sally Ann. -

Record.

1824.

June. The Elders from Union Village arrived again; consisting of Elder Mathew Houston, Richard Pelham, and Thankful Stewart; and finding the People under some heavy bearings on account of the general Move; some were moved back to their former places again; others remained where they were. And after making some further labors with the People they returned to Union Village.

July. Josiah Abbot and family united with the Society about this time; and some additional buildings were put up at the Mill, they were Log-Cabbins.

August 25." James Darrow and John Watts from Union Village arrived at North Union and made a short visit; and returned - they left here on the 30." of August 1824.

Sept. 12." Elder Issacher Bates, James Mc'Nemar; Elderess Melenda Watts, and Susannah Stout, arrived at North Union; and after making a short and satisfactory visit they returned to Union Village Sept. 26." 1824.

~~Dec.~~ Nov. 29." Elder Mathew Houston and Richard W. Pelham arrived again at North Union. Elder Mathew remained with the people during the winter; while Richard and Daniel N. Baird went on a journey to New-York, and did not return until Spring: they visited some parts of the State but not the City. they started Dec 7. 1824.

1825.

Jan. Oliver Wheeler from Aurora, came and united with the Society about this time; and moved some of his family in the Spring; whose names were Sally, William and Hester Ann. Oliver was by profession a Methodist.

Rodney Russell also, united with the Society about this time.

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1825.

March 15.″ John P. Root from Grafton, Ohio, having received faith in the testimony of the gospel which was opened to him by Ralph Russell; came out and united himself to the Society about this time: and has continued zealous & faithful in the work of the gospel from that day to the present. - The circumstances of his uniting with the Society at this time was another evidence of the gift of God in the formation of this Society. He was by profession a Methodist

Richard W. Pelham and Daniel N. Baird having returned from the State of New-York, Elder Mathew Houston and Richard returned home to Union Village. on the 15 of March 1825. -

June 16.″ The Elders arrived from Union Village; consisting of Elder Mathew Houston, Richard W. Pelham; Charlotte Morrell, and Thankful Stewart -

18.″ Br. Return Russell started to go to Black River in the State of New-York, on business: And returned July 11.″ 1825.

July. 12.″ Mary Edminster came and united with the Society, but was taken by Edminster & carried to Michigan in Nov. following; but returned the next year. Her original name was Mary Sawyer.

15. Br. John P. Root, was appointed Farmer Deacon of the Society about this time.

30.″ William Andrews came from the State of New-York and united himself and family to the Society about this time; consisting of his companion and three children; whose names were Phebe, Ruth, Lovicy and Watson. Ruth's original name was Harriet.

Benjamin Sawyer also, came and united himself and family to the Society about this time, whose names were given on a preceding page.

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1825.

Sept. 17. The Elders having made a long visit this time; viz. Elder Mathew Houston, Richard W. Pelham, Thankful Stewart and Charlotte Morrell; having staid three months, at this time, they set out on their journey to return home to Union Village.

Oct. Jacob Blake came from the State of New-York, and united himself to the Society about this time.

Dec. 9. Elder Mathew Houston and Charles Hampton from Union Village arrived at North Union on a visit at this time, and the Society was still increasing and under prosperous circumstances.

1826.

Jan. 24. Elder Mathew Houston and Charles Hampton having finished their visit, they left North Union to return home to Union Village. Ralph Russell continued to have the care and oversight of the Society when the Elders from Union Village were not present.

May 25. The Elders returned from Union Village again to North Union, consisting at this time of Elder Ashbel Kitchel, James Mc'Nemar, Eldress Lois Spinning, and Sister Thankful Stewart. These were the first Lot of Elders that were sent to be stationary at North Union; but they did not all remain so, long; except Elder Ashbel and Eldress Lois; they staid several years except going home occasionally on a visit. James, staid only one season.-. Thankful staid longer, but was soon obliged to retire in consequence of ill health. She was universally beloved at North Union.

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1826.

May 25." Under the ministration of Elders Ashbel and Eldress Lois, the Society continued to increase and prosper:— More order was established than what had been any time previous. Improvements in building frame Houses instead of Log-Cabbins began to be carried into effect; and as the Society increased in numbers, it increased also, the means for building which heretofore had been quite limited.

June. Preparations now began to be made for the building of a New Frame House, which is now the center House; the materials were furnished, of timber for the frame, and Stone for the Wall; and the Spot of ground selected for its location was where it now stands, on the Lot No. 22. which was deeded to the Trustees of the Church at Union Village. On this consecrated Lot: the west side of the road was erected the first Frame House at North Union.

The size of the building was 30 by 46 feet, framed by James Mc'Nemar, assisted by Ralph Russell and others; the Stone for the wall were quarried and drawn from the Creek at the Mill—, Lewis Bevin was an efficient member in this Job.—

1826.

July

Having all things in readiness for the building of the wall, and there being no Mason in the Society at that time, it rendered it necessary to hire one from Cleveland; accordingly they agreed they would employ one Crowl, a man, who, at that time was putting up a Brick House for Merwin in Cleveland; but he was sent for on an express to go home to his family in New-Lisbon. But before he went he left this agreement in the hands of one of his journeyman whose name was James S. Prescott.

25."

James was a single young man about 23 years of age; a native of Lancaster, Worcester County, Mass. he had served his time as an Apprentice to the mason trade, in Hartford, Conn. He was a Baptist by profession, and had then more recently been employed by the executive Committee of the Baptist Missionary Convention of the State of New York; as a Home Missionary to teach the School at Oneida, consisting of about 40 Indian Scholars. After teaching that School six months he was released and led as it were by an invisible Agency step by step until he was called to lay the the foundation of the first Frame House at North Union.

Thus we may trace the overruling providence of God again, in this circumstance. Crowl who was 1st agreed with to do the job, failed; and the man that he had provided to come with James, also failed; so that there was no one but him left in the company to do it: And when he came out he came a foot and alone with his tools under his arm; and was employed at a dollar and a quarter per day and boarded; and perhaps he was the only one in the company that was in a

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July 25."

situation to receive the testimony of the gospel when it was opened to him. In about two weeks time after he had commenced laying the wall; by the assistance of the Brethren it was nearly completed; so that in a short time the Frame was up.

August 6." This day was observed in commemoration of the day in which Mother Ann landed in America.

15." The wall of the New House was up and the Frame was raised without injury; And the Mason they had employed from Cleveland viz. James S. Prescott was settled with and paid off; but he asked for a privilege to stay and work without wages, for further acquaintance, which was granted; And the consequence was, that in a short time, he contracted — another Job, which was to be during life; and no money was mentioned in the bargain, nor any thing extra; but he was to have "all things Common" – that was, he had received faith in the testimony of the gospel of Christs Second Appearing, and was setting out to obey it. He saw that the primitive order of things was established and restored again upon the Earth; for which he had long been praying & anxiously looking.

Sept. A Log dry kiln was put up a few rods north of the Center house to dry Lumber in.
The chimneys also at the New House were built, by James S. Prescott and Lewis Bevin.

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1826.

Oct. A Log Kitchen was also put up a little South West of the New House.

Nov. Elder Archibald Meacham and Andrew Houston arrived at North Union. - They had been to visit New-Lebanon and some of the eastern Societies, and was now on their return to Union Village.

" The Elders of North Union went home to Union Village, accompanied by Elijah Russell, on a visit: viz. Elder Ashbel Kitchel, Eldress Lois Spinning, & Sister Thankful Stewart. Likewise Br. James McNemar.

At this time the children were gathered to the School Family; or what is now called the "East House", or Gathering Order. Here they were placed under the immediate care and instruction of Oliver Wheeler and Prudence Sawyer. Their number at this time had increased to about 20 or 25 including both sexes.

Dec. The Elders returned again from Union Village, the whole Lot, except James McNemar; he staid, and Rufus Davis came in his place. - This was an unfortunate exchange for North Union - Elijah Russell also accompanied them on their return to North Union.

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1826.

Dec. The Elders moved into the lower West rooms of the New House, which was then in an unfinished state; but it was occupied by them through the Winter. James S. Prescott was appointed to live with Ralph Russell and to lead the Meetings when Ralph was absent &c.

1827.

March (During) the winter the New House was so far finished that the Elders gathered in some of the Brethren and Sisters to live with them. viz. Elisha Russell, John P. Root, Lewis Bevin, Jacob Blake, Mary Russell Laura Russell and Huldah Russell. These moved in the Spring. Samuel Russell was appointed Farmer Deacon at the Cabbins.

April Hannah Addison & Rhoda Watson, came & united with the Society about this time. David Culver also from Darby Plains set out about this time. Mary Edminster also returned from Michigan, some time this spring - Her original Name was Mercy Sawyer.

May Ralph Russell and Return Russell went to Union Village on a visit about this time, and returned from there soon afterwards.

9" Another Building was put up this Spring a few rods South of the Center or New-House. - 30 by 45 feet, framed by Ralph Russell; which after it was finished was occupied for a Meeting House &c. and by making suitable repairs it has been occupied for a Meeting House from that time to the present.

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1827.

May 28th Polly Porrey & Olive York came out from Cleveland and united with the Society about this time.— Polly had four children whom she brought with her; two Sons and two Daughters; whose names were Permelia, Melinda, Lemuel and Nathan B.— Olive soon afterwards deceased.— Nathan was unfortunatly killed by a fall from a steep bank, below our Grist Mill when about 7 years old, or upwards; soon, or not long after he was brought into the Society. The rest have been distinguished and useful members of the Society from that time to the present.—

June. The Elders and the other occupants of the New House, now vacated it for a season; for the purpose of having it plastered; some of whom moved into the New Log-Kitchen.—&c. It was plastered by James S. Prescott, and Rodney Russell tended mason for the whole building.

July 17th The Elders went again to Union Village on a visit; consisting of Rufus Davis, Lois Spinning, and Thankful Stewart; accompanied by James S. Prescott. Elder Ashbel remained at North Union. They arrived at Union-Village on Tuesday July 24th 1827.

The Elders had began to occupy the "New-House" again and to hold family Meetings; and the other occupants were about moving in; altho the House was not entirely finished.— The Brethren were engaged in putting up a Brick Kiln on the flat by the Clark Lot, about this time.—

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1827.

August. 14th The Elders started from Union Village to return to North Union; consisting at this time of Rufus Davis, Lois Spinning, and Thankful Stewart; Accompanied by James S. Prescott, Ezekiel Rollins, Robert Williston, and Polly Davis. They arrived at North Union on Tuesday Morning
24th. August 24th. 1827.-

Sept. A Log-Cabbin was put up for Benjamin Sawyer to live in-near by what we now call the South-House.

The time had come now for the organization of two families; one at the New-House and the other at the Cabbins.- Those called to stand first and lead the Meetings at the New-House, when the Elders from Union Village were not present, were James S. Prescott, and Mary Russell- This was ~~—~~ the beginning of what is, now called the Center Family. Those called to officiate as Elders in the Cabbin Family at this time, were as follows,

Samuel Russell, } Elders. { Prudence Sawyer,
Chester Risley. } { Eunice Russell.

Oct. 10th Elder Ashbel went to Union Village on a visit about this time- He went on ~~—~~ Horse-back-

Nov. A small Brick House was put up a few rods south of the New Log-Kitchen; for a Smoke House- it was built 10 feet square and 10 feet high.-

Dec. Samuel Russell & Riley Honey were set apart to cut fire-Wood for all the fires during the winter; which at that time required no ordinary Chopers to accomplish it.

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1828.

March. In making sugar from the maple tree at this time, we have two Camps; one east, and one West. the one East; was in the Woods about half way between the Cabins and what is now called the Gathering Order. The other was in the woods some 50 Rods west of the center House. In both Camps in good Seasons, several thousand weight were made; or at least 2 or 3 thousand; sufficient to supply the demands of the Society, at that time.

April 25." Samuel Copley, Ambrose Bragg, and Phila Copley, came out from Thompson, Ohio, And united with the Society about this time; they had been visited by some from North Union last fall.

May. A small Building was put up at the bottom of the Hill north of the brook. - The north end of which was used for a Black Smith's Shop for Ambrose. - The south end was used for a Waggon Shop, for Elisha. Afterwards it — — was all converted into a Blacksmith's Shop, under the direction of John Sean & chimneys built according to his directions; but it is now moved and occupied for a Tan Shop.

A Cow Barn was also put up this Spring, 30 by 40 feet; framed by Ralph Russell; standing north West of the Center House.

29." William Johnson came from the State of New-York and united with the Society about this time. He was a Stone Mason and was useful, in the building of the first Grist Mill, which was disconnected with the Saw-Mill, which was done after this date. -

Record.

1828.

Sept. 8." Elder David Spinning arrived at North Union, and brought with him a Copy of the written Covenant of the Church, at Union Village; with a request for all to sign it who were of lawful age and free from all encumbrances without; and whose length of privilege had furnished them with a sufficient degree of gospel experience; so that whatever they did should be done freely, voluntarily, and understandingly, as a duty and as a privilege; and not as a compulsory requirement.

After the Covenant had been read in the hearing of all; and suitable time given for all to consider it, it was brought forward to be signed by all who were prepared and counted it a privilege so to do. The names of those who signed it at this time were as follows. (For a Copy of the Covenant itself, see Book B.- Office Record,- in its original form.) see page 216.

A Copy of the Names of the original Signers of the first Covenant.

	No.		No.	
22."	1	Elijah Russell	1	Mary E. Russell
	2	James S. Prescott	2	Prudence Sawyer
	3	Samuel Russell	3	Eunice H. Russell
	4	Chester Risley	4	Lydia Russell 1st
	5	Return Russell	5	Jerusha Russell 1st
	6	Elisha Russell	6	Jerusha Russell 2d
	7	John P. Root	7	Lydia Russell 2d
	8	Willam Andrews	8	Clarisa Risley
	9	Edward Russell	9	Clorinda Baird
	10	William Johnson	10	Melenda Russell
	11	David N. Baird	11	Hannah Addison
	12	Ambrose Bragg	12	Caroline Bearss
	13	Benjamin Hughey	13	Candace P. Russell
	14	Ranney Cossett	14	Mercy Sawyer
	15	Riley Honey	15	Esther Russell
	16.	Ebenezer R. Russell.	16	Abigail Russell 1st
			17	Phebe Andrews
			18	Almeda Cossett
			19	Adeline Russell
			20	Diantha Carpenter.

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1828.

The foregoing names were the original signers of the first Covenant presented in a written form.— they were signed as they now stand; on the 22.d of Sept. 1828.— Witnessed by David Spinning and Ashbel Kitchell.—&c.

The following are the names of subsequent signers; who have signed at different times since, according as their circumstances would admit; some of whom were minors and signed after they become of age: &c.

A Copy of the Names of subsequent signers.

No.	
17	Oliver Wheeler
18	Benjamin Sawyer
19	Ezra Bevin
20	Robert Akin
21	Philander C. Cramer
22	Ephraim Robinson
23	Isaac Cooper
24	Samuel W. Cooper
25	Amasa Blodget
26	Samuel Rickert
27	Daniel Bennett
28	Hiram Young
29	Robert Skillicorn
30	George W. Pike
31	Christian Stade
32	George W. Ingalls
33	Benjamin H. Shannon
34.	James M. Mott.

No.	
21	Lucy Cooper
22	Polly Sawyer
23	Polly Cohoon
24	Rhoda Watson
25	Martha Sawyer
26	Julia-Ann Bevin
27	Sally-Ann Cooper
28	Ruth Andrews
29	Susannah Sawyer
30	Lany Ingalls
31	Mary-Ann Swayer
32	Abigail Russell 2.d
33	Phila Bragg
34	Mary-Ann Russell
35	Mary Ann Bevins
36	Cynthia Bevins
37	Hannah Russell
38	Harriet Baird
39	Nancy A. Lancaster
40	Polly Torrey
41	Caroline Russell
42	Alma Sawyer
43	Cloe P. Torrey
44	Lydia Russell - 3.d
45	Margaret Swayer
46	Emeline Russell
47	Lucina Risley

No.	Sisters continued.
48.	Olive M. Torrey
49	Susannah Rickert
50	Emelia Young
51	Roxiana Russell
52	Sally Osterhold
53	Anna Bennett
54	Harriet L. Shepard
55.	Lucretia Sutton.

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1828.

Sept. 22." The Covenant being signed the Church was organized after the following manner.- The names of the Elders from Union Village were as follows.

Ashbel Kitchel, Rufus Davis.	Elders.	Lois Spinning, Thankful Stewart.

Those called to stand next to them, in the Center Family, at this time; and to officiate, in their absence were as follows.

Samuel Russell	Leads.	Mary Russell.

Those called to be Elders, in the Cabbin Family, at this time were as follows.

James S. Prescott, Chester Risley.	Elders.	Prudence Sawyer, Eunice Russell.

Those called and appointed to the office of Deacons, or Trustees, of the Church, at this time, were as follows.

Return Russell, Elisha Russell, John P. Root.	Trustees.	Lydia Russell 1st Huldah Russell.

Brother Oliver Wheeler had the care of what was then called the "School Family"; but what is now called the "East House" or "Gathering Order".- At this time the Children that were gathered there and placed under his care and instruction amounted to about 25 in number.

Oct. Br. Rodney Russell & Daniel N. Baird went to Union Village on a visit; and returned, accompanied by Samuel Trotter.-

Record.

1829.

May. **Mill.** The Society had, increased now to that degree, that it become necessary and practicable to build a New Grist-Mill; accordingly, the place or spot was selected for, its location; which was about ½ of a mile below the Saw-Mill, a little East of the line New-burg. The foundation was begun to be laid about this time by James S. Prescott and William Johnson. – The building was 30 by 50 feet; framed by Ralph Russell. – It had 2 Run of Stones, and 2 Over Shot-Wheels; one of which was made by Samuel Trotter of Union Village; and the other was made by one Wallace sometime afterwards. – A few rods above the Dam that now is, there was built a small temporary Dam at first; and the Water was conveyed through Wooden Troughs to the Mill, that were dug out for that purpose. But the Mill done good business and soon obtained an extensive run of Custom from the Country around and lasted many years as one of the most profitable resources of the Society.

Sept. The Mill was finished by the Brethren. Viz. Rufus Davis, Elisha Russell, Samuel Russell, Oliver Wheeler and Willard Cooper; and by them the Bolters were made for bolting flour of Wheat, Buck-Wheat &c. And sometime after-wards, in the lower part of the West end of the Mill; they put an Oil Mill in successful operation; which after a few years, as flax seed grew scarce in the country it was entirely abandoned as unprofitable.

24." Elder Eleazer and Eldress Rachel & company arrived at North Union; they had been to New-Lebanon on a visit. – Prudence Morrell who accompanied them, remained at New-Lebanon. – They were now on their return to Union Village; and went home from here in company with Elder Ashbel, Eldress Lois, Rufus Davis, Thankful Stewart & Elisha Russell.

Record.

1829.

Nov. 4th The Elders returned from Union Village; all except Sister Thankful Stewart; she remained in consequence of ill health; from whence she never returned; - but Susannah Stout was sent to fill the vacancy; - they were accompanied from Union Village by Elisha Russell and Amasa Blodget. - Amasa, afterwards succeeded in becoming a Miller, in tending the New-Grist-Mill; in which he gave general satisfaction to customers for many years, as a Miller. -

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1830.

Feb. A serious and fatal Accident happened by fire at the School Family. - It was occasioned, (as was supposed) by dry wood or fuel standing in the corner. - It was in the evening while the Brethren and Sisters of the Center Family and the Cabbin Family had assembled with those of the School Family to hold a Meeting together. - It was towards the close of the meeting while

Fire. they were singing the last Hymn that the fire was discovered. It destroyed all the buildings in that line of Cabbins where it originated; together with beds, bedding, clothes, furniture, and more than all the rest, the life of one child; which belonged to the Parents of Margaret Swayer; who were here on a visit, and had left the child on a bed asleep in the room where the fire first broke out, while they went into Meeting. - There were other children a bed in the same line of buildings, but were fortunatly rescued from the devouring flames and fast raging element, by the exertions and timely presence of mind of some of the Brethren; but the greater part of the property was destined to utter destruction. - Nothing but a few mov-ables could be saved. -

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1830.

March. But this loss was made up in a great measure by the timely, liberal, and charitable donations we received from the Church at Union Village, & Water-Vliet, Ohio; consisting of some 140. Dollars in money; besides articles of clothing, clothes, provisions &c. accompanied by a ministration of their purest love and benevolence; which was manifest on this occasion, not in word and in tongue only, which saith, "go: be ye warmed, and be ye clothed, and be ye fed and comforted" &c. and not do those things which they have, in their power to make them so. It was not so in this case — they heard the cries of the needy and the bowels of their compassion were open to supply our wants with an unsparing hand. — The bearer of these donations was Joshua Worley; who was then living with Elder Solomon — second in the Ministry of the Church at — Union Village.

20." Br. Joshua having finished his visit at North Union; and ministered much love, strength, and encouragement to all he returned to Union Village.

June 13." Elder Solomon King and Elder Issacher Bates, arrived at North Union; they were going to New-Lebanon on a visit; expecting to call on their return. — they staid and made us a Visit.

We were employed about this time, in clearing a lot of land; some ten or twelve Acres north of the Grist Mill.

August 18." Elder Solomon, & Elder Issacher, arrived at North Union on their return from New-Lebanon, a going to U.V. — they staid and made us another visit.

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1830.

August. 18th. Jeremiah Ingalls, was employed in logging off that lot north of the Grist-Mill about this time; which was finally the means of his being gathered into the gospel, and afterwards the most of his family. - The names of those who united with the Society were Lany, George, Joshua, and William who came in the fall or, in the Spring following.

1831.

April. *Building continued.* - We commenced putting up another Barn a little east of the Cow-Barn - It was framed by Elder Ashbel. - It was 24 by 50 feet. The East end of which was occupied for Waggons, Carriages &c.

May. Another Barn was begun to be framed of what is now called the *Big Barn* 40 by 60 feet. - framed, put, up and covered by the Job. - By a man whose name was Patchen.

June. A Frame was also put up 30 by 35 feet for a *Tan House* - 2 stories high. - this was also framed by Patchen. - Likewise the building that is now occupied for an Office 24 by 36 feet was put up this season.

July. We put up a small Brick Kiln, east, or north East of the *Big Barn*. - The Bricks were molded by Morrison Prentiss.

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1831.

August. 23." The Elders left North Union to go home again on a visit to Union Village; consisting of Elder Ashbel, Eldress Lois, Rufus Davis; and Susannah Stout.

Sept. 30." — The Elders returned from Union Village the same that went, with only one exception; and that was, Elder Ashbel was exchanged for Elder Mathew which was unexpected; and brought joy to some and grief to others. Elder Ashbel remained at Union Village. —

Oct. 22." Jesse Gause and Minerva came to North-Union Oct. 22." 1831. — they came from the East. —

We finished the Brick Kiln, and built the chimneys at the Office this fall; Likewise built a Dirt Dam up East of the Saw-Mill; which was taken from the South Bank.

Nov. 15." About the middle of Nov. Winter set in with a severe Snow-Storm; and the building that is now called the Office was enclosed and painted on the outside, and lined with brick on the inside, between the studs, and lathed; and made comfortable to live in. This was all that could be done to it until the next Spring.

Dec. 19." The Elders from Union Village moved into the Office. — They had previously occupied the two upper East-Rooms in the Center House; but these were now needed for other occupants. —

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1831.

Dec. 21.″ The *Cabbin Family* was now broke up, & the members moved, some into the Center House, and some into the Meeting House; and in different places; so at this time, there was but one regular organized Family in the Society; and that was — *the Center Family*. The names of those appointed to be Elders were as follows.

Chester Risley, } Elders. { Rhoda Watson,
Samuel Russell. } { Mary Russell.

1832.

Jan. 31.″ Rufus Davis went to Union Village on a visit and did not return until Spring.

March 18.″ Rufus Davis returned to North Union accompanied by Joseph Worley from Union Village.

May The Elders from Union Village moved out of the Office into the old Nurse-Shop, which was then occupied for an office so that their building which is *now* the office could be plastered and finished off. — The plastering was done by James S. Prescott and Joseph Worley. —

July The office being finished the Elders from Union Village moved back into it; and Joseph Worley went to the East on a visit. —

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1832.

Sept. 6." Joseph Worley having returned from the East, and finished his visit at North-Union, he returned home to Union Village.

12." The building which is now called the Red-Shop was raised about this time.- It was 120. feet long and 30 feet wide:- 2 stories high: and 2 doors and 22. Windows in front.- Framed by a man by the name of Bragg.- Hired.- The Frame stood over winter without being covered.-

Oct. 24." Elder (David Spinning arrived at North-Union to assist Elder Mathew, in the Elders lot for a time, or until the way was opened for a further change.-

Dec. 29." Two Brethren from Groveland Society New-York; Viz. Enos Leonard, and Emory Brooks, arrived at North Union on a visit.- They had been out distributing Garden Seeds &c.

1833.

June 9." A change was made in the Elders Lot in the center Family, and the Trustees lot at the office. Samuel Russell was appointed Trustee in place of John P. Root, and John P. Root was appointed first in the Elders Lot, in the Center Family.- Chester Risley was released from the Elders lot in consequence of ill health &c. Oliver Wheeler was appointed to live with Elder Pomeroy in the Elders lot.

1833.

June 15." Another visit was made by the Elders to Union Village; consisting of Elder Mathew Houston, Rufus Davis, Elderess Lois Spinning and Susannah Stout.- They left the Society at this time in care of Elder David Spinning; who succeeded Elder Mathew in the Ministry at North Union.-

July. Another change was made at this time in the Elders Lot from Union Village; Elder Mathew remained at Union-Village:- Elder David was appointed his successor:- Elderess Lois and Susannah Stout remained at Union Village.- Elderess Lucy Faith, and Vincy Mc' Nemar, were appointed their successors.- Rufus Davis remained as he was.- They all arrived at North Union, in July 1833.-

August Oliver Wheeler was appointed to fill the vacancy in the Elders lot in the Center Family; occasioned by the removal of Chester Risley, altho Chester was *first* in the Lot; Oliver was appointed to be the *second*, and to live with John L. Root.-

Sept. The *Red Shop* was inclosed, finished off and painted Red.- The Chimneys were built and the plastering was done by James S. Prescott and William Johnson.- Enoch Pease & Charles Wheeler also worked on the building.- Charles assisted Rufus Davis in putting up the eve Troughs, Conductors &c.

1833.

Nov. 10." Samuel Rickert arrived at North-Union with his Family.- They were moving from the Black River country: Jefferson county New-York: and were going to Indiana or Illinois; and called to see their friends; and to make them a visit; and when the testimony of the gospel was opened to them, and they saw some of its visible fruits manifest, they concluded to go no further.- Their names were Samuel, Susannah, Henry, Daniel, Mary, Ann, and Elizabeth.- The circumstance of this family, being gathered into the gospel was similar to that of Return Russell and his family.- See page 5." at the bottom. &c.

Another building was put up for a Sheep Barn a little south West of the North Barn, 24 by 50 feet; framed by Enoch Pease.-

Dec. The Cabbins were occupied for Shops in making Brooms, Brushes, Pipes &c.

1834.

April 5." Br. Joshua Worley arrived at North-Union and made us another visit.- this was the second time he had been sent to help us in times of special need, difficulty and trial.- See page 31."- But on a different occasion from his former visit.-

9." Rufus Davis withdrew from the Society at North-Union about this time; Br. Joshua having finished his visit, at this time, soon afterwards returned home to Union Village.-

1834.

May 25." Bro. Richard W. Pelham arrived at North-Union to fill the vacancy occasioned by the removal of Rufus Davis; which now made us a New Ministry throughout; and which had been, owing to the various changes, quite unsettled for a long time.

June. The Society had now passed through various changes and many trying scenes since the Church was Organized in 1828.—See page 28."—this Record.—As it respects those called to be the ~~the~~ Ministry and Elders then, and those called now; we see there had been an entire change throughout in less than 6 years.—which could not but affect more or less the body at large; because the happiness and prosperity of any body of People; or even the human body depends on the soundness and stability of the Head.—The names of those called to be the Ministry at North-Union at this time were as follows.—

David Spinning, } Ministry { Lucy Faith,
Richard W. Pelham. } { Vincy McNemar.

The names of those called to be the Elders in the Center Family at this time were as follows.—

John P. Root, } Elders. { Rhoda Watson,
Oliver Wheeler. } { Lydia Russell.

Mary Russell was appointed Office Deaconess. &c.

There was a Building put up called the South-House; built for Benjamin Sawyer and James Clap. to live in.— It was 30 by 35 feet.— Framed by Benj. Bragg.—

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1834.

June. We were now favored with a visit from Br. Rufus Bishop, one of the first Ministry on Earth; accompanied by Isaac N. Youngs, from New Lebanon.— They were agoing to visit all the Churches and Societies of Believers in the Western Country, before they returned. Their visit with us was short, but highly satisfactory.

Nov. 19." Elder Ashbel arrived at North-Union on a visit, for the first time since he left, in August 1831.— He came from Water-Vliet, Ohio, where he resides at present when he is at home.

23." In consequence of the vacancy occasioned by the decease of our beloved Br. Return Russell, in the office of Trustee; Br. Riley Honey, was duly appointed to fill the vacancy at this time.

Dec. 9." Elder Ashbel having finished his visit at North Union at this time; and having made a good one too, he returned home to Water-Vliet, Ohio.

1835.

April. Daniel Bennett having worked for the Society during the winter past, and received faith in the testimony of the gospel; he set out to obey it about this time; and brought his family; whose names were Polly, Anna, Eunice, Marcus, and Rufus.

Record.

1835.

April 24." Samuel Osterhold from Shalers-Ville arrived at North-Union and united with the Society. and brought his family consisting of 4 children whose names were Sally, Benjamin, Fanny and Frederick.

Br. Richard being a Gardener, and wishing to have an extensive Garden, on account of entering largely in to the Seed business; fenced off some 5 or 6 Acres on the East side of the road opposite of the Meeting House; extending as far east as the old Cabbin ground, taking in the old Cabbin Garden. &c.

25." Christian Stade formerly from Germany Europe, came and united himself to the Society about this time.

May 21." Those faithful labovers in the western Vineyard of the Lord; viz. Elder Issacher Bates, and Elder Benjamin S. Youngs, having finished their labors in the West, were now called home to New-Lebanon they were the first sent out to open the testimony of the gospel in the western country; which was 30 years ago. - They were accompanied by Elderess Hopwell, and Elderess Mercy, and Harvey Eades, from South-Union on their return home. - Harvey, came out and made a short visit at North-Union; the rest tarried in Cleveland on account of ill health, while our Ministry went out and made them a visit.

Record.

1835.

May 21." Another change in the Elders lot on the Sisters side took place in the Center Family, viz. Rhoda and Lydia were removed; and Sister Huldah and Esther Russell, were appointed their successors.

June
15." Moritz S. Sechler, a Jew by birth formerly from Germany, Europe; came and united with the Society about this time.

20." About 6 Bushels of Strawberries were picked to day, which found a ready market in Cleveland, from 18 cts. to a shilling per quart.

July
10." Br. Oliver Wheeler and James S. Prescott went to Mayfield to hold a Meeting on the Sabbath in the School House; by the request of one William Ellsworth who lived in the neighborhood.

August
1." Br. Richard and Oliver, Sister Viney and Mercy Sawyer, went to Mayfield, and held another meeting; but to little effect. – The people were not prepared to receive their testimony.

Nov. 14."

Hiram Young from Vermont came and united with the Society about this time; and brought his family consisting of only two in number whose names were Emelia and Joshua. – Joshua was the only child; about one year old when he was admitted into the Society. – Emelia was the Mother. –

Record.

1836.

Jan. 28. Edmund Mott from New-burg and formerly from Vermont, came and united with the Society about this time; and brought his family, whose names were Lucinda, Rhoda, James, Henry, Lucy, Sarah-Ann &c.

Feb.
9." Notice having been given, the Brethren assembled in the Red-Shop this evening; for the purpose of taking into consideration the importance and necessity of building a Saw Mill and Dam, the ensuing season; as the old one had about done; and it was almost unanimously agreed that we undertake both, this season; Altho it was a question at first, in the minds of some present, whether we would be able to build both the Mill and the Dam in one season; but it was finally decided in favor of building both a New-Saw-Mill and Dam this season.- The Mill was to be 21. by 48 feet.-

March
6." A letter from the Ministry at Union-Village was read in our Meeting; stating that it was possible that Elder Free-Gift Wells, and Elder Mathew Houston, might come this way in going to Union-Village, on their way from the East; but as it happened, when navigation opened, they went the other route by way of New-York &c.-

May 1." The New Saw-Mill and Dam were commenced with energy and with a determination to accomplish both this year; which by the united exertions of the Society and the blessing of God it was done.

15." [illegible] to the School Family.

Record.

1836.

May. 14." Br. Daniel Hawkins and Br. Stephen Wells, from New Lebanon N. Y. who accompanied Elder Free-Gift Wells and Elder Mathew Houston to Union Village, arrived at North Union, on their return to New Lebanon; they were accompanied by Abner Beadle, Joanna Kitchell and Hannah Agnew. Abner, lived at Union Village; but was out of health at this time. They all staid and made a comfortable visit at North Union before they proceeded on their journey.

26." James S. Prescott moved from the Mill to the School Family.

July 23." John a Stark from Switzerland, Europe, came and united with the Society about this time. He was educated a Catholic Priest, in his own country; but after he came to America, he practiced in the science of Medicine until he came among Believers.

August 7." Br. Rufus Bryant from "Pleasant Hill Kentucky arrived at North Union, on his return from the East. He had been visiting some of the eastern Societies. — He brought with him 12 bake-Well Sheep, for us as far as Cleveland. Br. Rodney went to Cleveland after them. — They were of a superior kind; both as it respects size, quality or quantity of Wool, compared with our common Sheep. —

10." Br. Rufus having finished his visit, left North Union to return home to Kentucky, by way of Union Village.

Sept. 1." The building of the New-Mill & Dam was committed to the care and oversight of Samuel Russell, who was Trustee at this time; under whose directions the New-Saw-Mill & Dam, were both built — this season; which done credit to himself and honor to the Society. —

Record.

1836.

Sept. 7.'' The Frame of the New-Saw-Mill was finished being raised.- It was a heavy, solid frame of oak; framed by Stephen Godard &co.- 21 by 48 feet:- the upper part of which was designed for a Cooper Shop &c.

19.'' Union Meetings were established about this time at North Union.

Oct 3.'' Another change took place with the Elder Sisters in the Center Family. viz. Sister Huldah was released from being Elder Sister: and Esther Russell was appointed to fill her place; and Sister Polly Torrey was appointed to live with her.- The Elders Lot was still undergoing a change; but the Ministry remained as they were, in 1834.- Sister Huldah went to live at the South House.

The names of the Trustees at this time were as follows. Elisha Russell, Samuel Russell, and Riley Honey:- These were the Trustees of the Society at this time on the Brethren's side.- Br. Elisha was released in part from the Trusteeships; but still attended to some of its official duties, such as purchasing Land, paying taxes &c.

Nov. 19.'' Robert Skillicorn from the "Isle of Man", Europe, came and united with the Society about this time.

Record.

1837.

Jan. A testimony was borne, in meeting against the extravagant use of tea, Coffee, and tobacco &c.

March 13th The Elders Lot in the Center Family was still subject to changes from different causes; the present change was in consequence of the deceased of Elder Sister Esther Russell; Altho she did not decease until the 30th inst. but the appointment was made on the 13th - Sister Polly Torrey was appointed her successor, - Elder Sister of the Center Family; and Sister Susannah Sawyer was appointed to live with her. -

April.

May 3rd The Ministry from Union Village arrived at North-Union on a visit; whose names were as follows.

Freegift Wells, } Ministry { Betsey Hastings,
Joshua Worley. } { Sally Sharp.

This was the 1st visit that Elder Freegift and Elderess Betsey made at North Union, after they arrived in the western country.

23rd The beloved Ministry having finished their visit at North Union, set out on their journey home; they were accompanied by some of the Brethren and Sisters as far as Cleveland. -

June. The New Barn at the Mill was raised 36 by 50 feet.

Sept. 12th James S. Prescott lived at the School Family; and Daniel Bennett was appointed to live with him, & help take care of the children. The number of Boys was 15 in one room. - Sister Prudence Sawyer had about the same number of Girls under her care in another Room; making about 30 in all. -

Record.

1837.

Oct. 11." The Ministry at North Union set out on their Journey —— home, on a visit to Union-Village; they were the same that were established in 1834.- see page 38." this Book.- thus we had been favoured with a regular Ministry for upwards of three years without any change; which tended very much to increase and advance the interests of the Society both in things temporal and spiritual. But Elder David, said that it was uncertain whether they all returned or not; but he wished to give some counsel as his last legacy, before they went, as they did not know what might happen; which was in substance as follows.- "Cleave to the Order of God as your whole dependance, and be particular to observe and keep little Orders &c. And by attending to little things, and by being careful to observe and keep little gifts and orders we would be able to bruise the head of the serpent of an evil nature at every crook and turn &c.- Always love and esteem those highly who are zealous and faithful to support and build up the Order of God; but such as treat it lightly, such lightly esteem - they were enemies.- they were not for us, and they that were not for us were against us, and they that gathered not with the gift scattered abroad" &c.

23d." Samuel L. Elkins from Enfield N. H. arrived at North Union and made a visit; he was a young man of talents and of intersting & promising appearance. We learned afterwards that he returned to Enfield and set out among Believers there and was doing well.

1837.

Nov. 6." The Ministry returned from Union Village without any change except one, and that was Sister Vincy. She was kept, and remained at Union Village on account of ill health &c.

8." Sister Rachel Russell was appointed to live with Eldress Lucy, in the Ministry, to fill the vacancy occassioned by the removal of Sister Vincy Mc'Nemar. Sister Abagail Russell was appointed to take Sister Rachels place as family Deaconess in the Center family.

19." At this time there was a Gift for those who applied for admission into the Society, if they had families to be proved awhile, first without, by having them move as near the Society as their circumstances would admit and by giving them a privilege to attend public Meetings &c. This would prove their honesty in a measure and test the sincerity & purity of their motives.

Dec 3d." The time had fully come now in which it was judged necessary & expedient that there should be a "*Gathering Order*" established at North-Union. A distinct and *seperate family* set apart by itself, for the express purpose of gathering souls in out of the world who are desirous of salvation and are willing to make the necessary sacrifice in order to obtain it.

The *Gathering Order* is designed to be a *Door* to the Church, into which all must enter, and through which all must pass, before they can be admitted into the true Church of Christ upon Earth; which was prefigured in the outer court of the Temple of Solomon.

Record.

1837.

Dec. 3. The School Family was considered to be the best place for the location of the Gathering Order; therefore preparations had to be made accordingly, by the following moves. Br. Elisha Russell, and Sister Lydia Russell were appointed to take the charge and oversight of the Mill Family: Br. Elijah Russell & Sister Lucy Cooper were appointed to take the charge and oversight of the Family at the South House;- Isaac Cooper, Christian State and John Stark also moved to the Mill;- Daniel Bennett and Jerusha Russell move to the South House.— James S. Prescott and Prudence Sawyer, also, moved with the Boys & Girls from the School Family to the Red Shop, & there opened the School for the Winter.-

5. The way now being prepared for the establishing of the Gathering Order; the names of those appointed to be the Elders were as follows.

Chester Risley,	Elders.	Phebe Andrews,
Hiram Young.		Adeline Russell.-

The names of those appointed and set apart to make a beginning, and to compose the family were as follows.

Joseph Stewart,	Gathering	Emelia Young.
Sewel Thayer,	Order.	Hannah Beardsley,
Robert Holson,		Lucinda Mott,
Martin Harrington,		Anna Bennett,
Chauncy Harrington.		Mary Jefferson.

Also 3 children.

Record.

1837.

Dec. 10." The appellation of Elder Brother, & Elder Sister, was given out and established in the Church at North Union at this time.

30." Br. Emory Brooks & Augustine Leonard from Groveland Society N. Y. arrived at North Union on a visit.– They had been to Michigan distributing "Garden Seeds".

1838.

Jan. 2." The Brethren in the Church went to help raise a Frame for a Shop at the East-House 24 by 36 feet framed by Ambrose Bragg. -Afterwards he framed another for a Blacksmith's Shop; 18 by 24 feet for the East House or Gathering Order.

12." Br. Samuel Russell and Edmund Mott went to Michigan on business.–

23." Sister Melenda Russell was appointed Elder Sister in the "Gathering Order". Sister Phebe Andrews was released and moved to the Church.–

Fb. 11." Our Meeting on Sabbath Evenings was discontinued, except singing meetings and they were to commence at 6 o'clock P. M.–

Record.

1838.

Feb. 15th Br. Samuel Russell and Edmund Mott returned from Michigan.

18th Sabbath Day. Our Public Meeting was much thronged there were about 60. Sleighs besides many who came on foot.

April 18th The New Barn at the Mill was begun and finished last season; it was 36 by 50 feet.- The foundation was laid by William Johnson.-

June 4th Samuel Rickert went on a journey to Jefferson County N. Y.

23rd Br. Oliver Wheeler, Mercy Sawyer and Mary Jefferson, returned from a journey to Conneaut.-

July. 1st The Ministry from Union Village arrived at North-Union.- They had been to New-Lebanon N. Y. on a visit and they were now on their return to Union Village.- They were accompanied by Sister Nancy McNemar.- Their names were as follows.

Freegift Wells, } Ministry. { Betsey Hastings,
Joshua Worley. } { Sally Sharp.

The Ministry gave us some account of the extraordinary out-pouring of the Spirit of God that had commenced among Believers in the eastern Societies; consisting of Wonderful Visions, Revelations, Gifts of Prophecy, Gifts of Tongues, Interpretation of tongues &c.- They sung some Indian Songs which were given by Inspiration at N. L-

Record.

1838.

July. They told us that it was confidently predicted that this marvelous work of God that had begun in the eastern Societies of Believers, would extend to every Society of Believers in the Western Country. And when it had done its work among Believers it would go to the World. Furthermore, they said, that several thousands of Holy Angels were sent from New-Lebanon to accompany them to the Western Country; and to be distributed among every Society of Believers according to the number of inhabitants in each Society.

21." The beloved Ministry having finished their visit at North Union returned home to Union Village.-

29." Altho we had some previous account of the extraordinary manifestations of the Gifts and Power of God among Believers in the eastern Societies, by Letter; but now it was confirmed by the late Visit of the Ministry, to us, beyond all contradiction; And they said when it took place among us, we should all know it.- And true we did!! It commenced about the last of July or the 1st of August in 1838. And is still in progression. It begun among the Youth and children.- Some little Girls had assembled for Meeting in the south Chamber of the Red-Shop one Sabbath Afternoon; And they were taken by violent operations of supernatural power and carried away in Vision into the Spiritual World, saw and conversed with Angels, and departed Spirits, some of whom they once knew in the body. As the work progressed the Gifts were various.- There were Gifts of tongues; - Gifts of Prophecy; - Gifts of discerning spirits; - Gifts of Repentance; - Gifts of inspired Messages among the older class; - Gifts of exposing hidden or secret sins &c.- It is supposed if all had been written that has been revealed from the Spiritual World, within five years past, that it would have filled several Volumes as large as this. Some account of these things may be seen in "Book C."- Sacred Record" &c. page 301.

Record.

1838.

Sept. 25.″ The frame of the New dwelling House at the Mill was raised 34 by 56 feet framed by a man from Cleveland, by the name of Merrells. –

25.″ During the summer past we raised about 14000 silk Worms; And they were fed on two kinds of of Mulberry foliage; One was the Multicaulis and the other was the White Italian; the latter was the principle one fed to them.

Nov. 22. Hugh Mc'Quead a native of Ireland arrived at North Union and united with the Society about
Dec. 1.″ the first of Dec. 1838. – He had no family except a little
Boy, whose name was Joseph. an only son of his who
afterwards went to live at Union Village.

School. For several years the Society have had a School District, set off by themselves, by the Trustees of the Township; and was regularly organized; and drew their full share of the public money according to their number of Scholars; which some years amounted to 50 or 60 dollars; At the present time the number of scholars is 36. including male and female: 19 Boys and 17 Girls. – The branches taught are reading writing, spelling, english Grammar, Geography and Arithmetic. – The School is taught by a Brother in the Winter, and by a Sister in the summer. –
The present Teacher is James S. Prescott.

Record.

1839.

April 29th. The Ministry from Union Village arrived at North Union on a visit; accompanied by Charles Hampton and Philip Antes.- It was a peculiar time, soon after the present manifestation of the marvelous work of God had commenced at North Union; And a time when their help was greatly needed. Philip was a Visionest and Charles had long been distinguished as a public speaker at Union Village; the gifts and Visionests were set in order after the manner of those in the eastern Societies. The names of the Ministry were as follows.

Freegift Wells } Ministry. { Betsey Hastings,
John Martin } { Sally Sharp.

May 16th. The Ministry and those who accompanied them, having finished their visit at North Union, returned home to Union Village.-

Dec. 10th. The new dwelling House at the Mill was occupied by the family moving in; And the Cabbins evacuated; altho the House was not finished, yet it was made comfortable; it was enclosed and painted Green, on the out-side.

Record.

1840.

June 15." A change was made in the Elders lot in the Center Family.- Brother Samuel Russell was appointed Elder Brother and Oliver Wheeler was to remain in the lot with him; Brother John P. Root was appointed first in the Elders lot in the Gathering Order, and Sewel G. Thayer was to remain with him in the lot; Brother Chester Risley was released from the Gathering Order in consequence of ill health.-

August. The Ministry from Union Village arrived at North Union; they were going to New-Lebanon on a visit; they were the same that visited us last year; they were accompanied by Eldress Lois Spinning who remained at North Union until they returned from New-Lebanon.

Sept. The Ministry returned from New-Lebanon, with the exception of Eldress Betsey, she remained at New Lebanon in consequence of ill health.-

14." The Ministry at North Union that came from Union Village that were established in 1834. (See page 38." this Book.) Were now released from all their labors at North Union; and had a Gift to return to Union Village:- they were accompanied by two young Sisters from North Union, Viz. Lucina Risley, and Catharine Van-Dozer.

The year 1840. will long be remembered as the "fruitful season"; in which fruits of all kinds were abundant which are adapted & congenial to the soil and climate of this Country.

Record.

1840.

Sept. 15." The Society at North Union was organized a new, in part, by the appointment of a new Ministry from our own body and a succession of other appointments. - The Ministry from Union Village being present, the following named persons were appointed to fill the vacancies occasioned by the removal of the late Ministry from North Union, to Union Village.

Samuel Russell. } Ministry { Polly Torrey,
Jeremiah Ingalls. } { Rachel Russell.

There was a full Ministry appointed; but the second on the Brethren's side was afterwards recalled - made null and void - viz. Jeremiah Ingalls - not being a covenant member, and an insolvent debtor.

The following named persons were appointed Elders of the Center Family.

Chester Risley, } Elders. { Susannah Sawyer,
Daniel Bennett. } { Permelia Torrey.

A change also took place in the Gathering Order. - The names of the Elders were as follows, after the change.

+ James S. Prescott, Elders. { Phila Copley,
Sewell G.+ Thayer. } { Abigail Russell.

The names of the Trustees were as follows.

+ Riley Honey, } Trustees. { Candace Russell,
+ John P. Root. } { Caroline Russell.

Br. Oliver Wheeler was appointed to take the charge of the little family at the South-House.

Record.

1840.

Sept. 23.″ Some changes were made in the occupation of buildings. The Ministry moved into the Meeting House- The Trustees moved into the New Office where the Ministry moved out. - The old office was taken for a Nurse Shop.

Nov. 14.″ A valuable Horse was stolen from the Office Barn by a young man from the Gathering Order who called his name Rheuben Johnson of the State of New- York.

Fire.

Dec. 23.″ A serious loss occasioned by fire, took place on the night of 23 inst. It broke out in the West End of the Tan-House; it is supposed to have originated in the Shoe-Shop, on the second floor: it was discovered a little after midnight; but too late to be extinguished: Altho every effort was made that could be, to save the building and property, but all was in vain except a few movables.- the building was totally consumed, and most of the property, which was estimated at 12.00 dollars, including the building. The burning of the oil made such a light that the alarm was given in Cleveland, by the ringing of the Bells; And the Engines were out & proceeded as far as New-burg, before they were aware of the distance of the fire. -

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1841.

Jan. 10.″ In consequence of the removal of Br. Chester Risley, John L. Root was Appointed Elder Br. again of the Center Family: And Br. Chester was appointed Trustee.-

Record.

1841.

Jan. 17." Written Communications given by Divine Inspiration at North Union commenced, in the Gathering Order; and the Gift is perpetuated, in the Church at the present time. - These Communications are from the ancient Prophets & Apostles and from some who lived on the Earth hundreds and thousands years ago.

Feb: Br. Chester Risley went to Union Village on a Visit - he went on horse-back & returned, in March or April.

April 22." The Meeting House was painted over white by Br. Oliver & Lester. -

May 13." The new Barn at the South House was raised 20 by 30 feet; it was framed by a man by the name of Hubbell from Warrens Ville.

31." The new Kitchen Cellar at the Center, was commenced: and prepartions made for the building.

June 14." The foundation of the New Kitchen at the Center, was begun to be laid by Warner and Wetherell from Cleveland, to whom ~~the whom~~ the whole Job was let out except the frame; and that was let out to John Stillman of Euclid: the building was to be 26 by 80 feet. At present there are 15 hired men to work for us, who board at the office.

24." This morning there were 49 of the Brethren and Sisters out picking strawberries, in the east Garden at the Center. -

Record

1841.

July 3." The New Kitchen at the center was begun to be raised: the walls were finished some days ago.-

6." The Ministry went to Union Village on a visit, accompanied by Br. Oliver Wheeler.- the names of the Ministry may be seen on page 56.-

24." This afternoon there was a severe thunder storm of wind and hail; which broke several panes of Glass.

August 3." The Ministry returned from Union-Village accompanied by Br. Oliver.-

13." About this time the Society at North-Union was numbered exact throughout, and returns made to New-Lebanon: Which stood thus.- Males, 71. Females 77.- Total 148.-

" Sister Adeline Russell was appointed Office Deaconess.-

16." In consequence of the removal of Br. Daniel Bennett, James S. Prescott was appointed to live with the Elder Brother of the Center Family; and Oliver Wheeler was appointed first in the Elders Lot in the Gathering Order.-

Sept 12." The Bell on the New Kitchen was raised weighing 326 pounds, including the hangings. The Bell cost 130 dollars. The transportation from Cincinnati was about 15 dollars.

Record.

1841.

Oct. 22." Br. John Martin and Lewis Volentine arrived at North Union from Union Village: After tarrying about a week they proceeded on their journey to New-Lebanon, N. Y.

Nov. 13." Two Brethren from Groveland Society arrived at North Union on a visit viz. Lucius Southwick and Noah Hewitt. they were out on business of distributing Garden Seeds &c. They gave us the dimensions of their New Meeting House, which they said was 45 by 65 feet; and posts 26 feet:- the inside arch'd over head.-

22." Moved into the New-Kitchen and took dinner for the first time: the next day the old Log Kitchen was taken away.-

27." Sister Prudence closed her School. there were 21 Scholars present.

Dec. 1." Br. Lester commenced teaching the School for the Winter.

19." Holy and Eternal Mother Wisdom, made Her Visit to North Union, through Her chosen and inspired Instruments in a remarkable manner; in which She noticed particularly every individual in the Society; from the oldest to the youngest, and from the least to the greatest. And with but few exceptions, She marked every one in the forehead with the Name of the "Holy One," which was "Jehovah."

Record.

1842

Jan. 31." Elder Samuel Russell went to Union Village on a Visit. He went on horse-back:- the ground was bare and weather was pleasant for the season.-

Feb. 23." Elder Samuel returned from Union Village.

March 30." During the Winter past, the average number of Scholars in our School in daily attendance was 34.- the whole number enrolled over 4 and under 20 years of Age was 51.- 22 males and

School. 29 females.- the whole number that have attended School was 47.- the Amount of School Money received from the public funds at this time, was 66 dollars and 15 cents. A regular Account of this however is kept in our District School Records.

" The New Meeting Room in the upper part of the New Kitchen being finished, the family Meetings at the Center family was now held in it for the first time.

May 22." Sabbath Day. It being rainy we had no public meeting.- In our Church Meeting we had a number of important Communications read, which had been given from the "Spiritual World" in the form of a little Book, divided into Chapters; addressed to the Elders at North Union; the first of which was dated March 27." 1842.-

Record.

1842.

June 13." The Ministry from Union Village arrived at North Union again on a visit:- they had been to New-Lebanon N. Y. And were now on their return to Union Village Some Changes were made at North Union during this visit. Riley Honey was appointed to fill the vacancy in the Ministry.- Elisha Russell was Appointed *first* Trustee; And Daniel N. Baird was to remain *second* Trustee. &c.

20." The Ministry having finished their visit at North Union, they returned to Union Village; accompanied by little Joseph Mc'Quead, a youth Boy from North Union. - viz.

Freegift Wells. } Ministry. { Sally Sharp.
John Martin } { Neomi Lagier.

July 1." Having finished 4 small buildings, they were set on a strait line, on the West side of the door yard at the center House.

29." To day at 2 o clock two of the Brethren had to go to Cleveland to meet. — William Countryman respecting ~~respecting~~ taking a legal process to obtain his Children; but they being previously given up to their Mother who brought them here, he was nonsuited and found no cause of Action.

August 30." The Frame for the New-Wash House was raised at the Mill.- It was 20 by 30 feet, and Posts 23 feet and a foot square framed by Ambrose Bragg.

Sept. 11." Public Meetings were closed at North-Union; and public notice was given of the same through one of the Cleveland Papers by the Trustees of the Society.

Record.

1842.

Sept. 13." The Elders of the Center Family at North-Union went to Union Village on a visit whose names were as follows.

John P. Root, } Elders. { Susannah Sawyer,
James S. Prescott. } { Permelia Torrey.

Oct. 9." The Elders returned from Union Village, having been gone 3 weeks and 5 days.-

31." Sister Rhoda Watson was Appointed to live in the Office as second Deaconess: and Sister Adeline Russell was to remain the first Office Deaconess. Sister Huldah and Caroline Russell was released from the office and moved into the Center House. Sister Thankful Russell was appointed to take Sister Rhoda's place at the South House.

Nov. 26." The New Wood Shed was raised at the Center, in the form of an L. 51 and 60 feet including both Wings; and 16 feet in width; framed by Br. Riley.- One story high, and a Shop in each end.

Record.

1842.

Nov. The Society at North Union at this time was Organized by degrees after the following manner.—

Samuel Russell,	Ministry.	Polly Torrey,
Riley Honey.		Rachel Russell.

The names of the Elders in the Center Family.

John P. Root,	Elders.	Susannah Sawyer,
James S. Prescott.		Permelia Torrey.

Names of the Elders in the Mill Family.

Chester Risley,	Elders.	Lydia Russell 1.″
Washington Pike —,		Alma Sawyer.

Names of the Trustees of the Society.

Elisha Russell,	Trustees.	Adeline Russell,
Daniel N. Baird.		Rhoda Watson.

Names of the Elders in the Gathering Order.—

Oliver Wheeler,	Elders.	Phila Copley,
Sewel Thayer.		Ruth Andrews.

Names of the Caretakers of Children & Youth.

James M. Mott,	Caretakers.	Prudence Sawyer,
George W. Ingalls.		Melinda Torrey.

Record.

1843.

Jan. 1st The Holy Savior made His visit at North Union in a remarkable manner. In the first place, there was a Gift for the Church to be closed for 3 months; And have no going abroad — unless by permission, and then two go together. The Holy Savior took up His abode with the Society for three months; and manifested Himself in many ways by Divine Inspiration through His chosen and Inspired Instruments. Through this medium He gave a sketch of His own life written by His own Hand, to His dear little Ones at North-Union; And in confirmation of which, each of His beloved Diciples wrote a communication and was revealed through the same medium. He was attended by many bright and holy Angels. The particulars of which, will be kept in a more sacred Record.

March 4th Br. Ambrose Bragg was Appointed Caretaker of the Boys, or one class of them at the South House, and George W. Ingalls was released and moved to the Center House.

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April. 15th A counsel of the Brethren was called to meet at the Mill; to take into consideration the importance of the local situation of a New-Mill and to decide on which side of the Creek it should stand; it was decided that the north side possessed the most natural advantages for a Mill Seat; And it could be built there with less expense than it could on the south; therefore, the conclusion was to locate it on the north.

Mill.

1843.

April. The building of the New Grist Mill was let out to Warner and Witherell of Cleveland, by the Job: other contracts were made:- Isaac Sherman contracted for the quarrying for the Penstock &c. Willard Crawford and Amasa Swift were to be employed by the day to make the Gearing, Bolting Frams, Hoppers &c. the ~~Gearing~~, Wheels. & Shafts, were made of cast iron; and as much of the Gearing as could be consistently. The Mill, itself to be of Stone 38 by 50 feet.- And the Wall at the bottom on the South end to be 4 feet thick.-

Mill.

May 14" The Brethren from the Church went to the Gathering Order, to help raise the frame of a New Barn 36. by 50. feet: Also a Shed, attached to the East side of it, 16 by 50 feet:- framed by S. Hubbell.-

15" About 40 young fruit Trees were set out in the center door yard, on the West side, for the express purpose of raising more sweet Apples for early use; of course it is expected that when they come into bearing, they will bear apples of that kind.-

June 17" A change was made in the family Deaconesses;- Sally Osterhold was appointed Family Deaconess, and Abagail Russell was appointed Caretaker of the little Girls; and Melinda Torrey was released from the Girls for the present.- Lydia Russell 2" was appointed to live with Sister Sally, as family Deaconess.-

25" **Silk Worms.** It is supposed that there are 11,000 or about that number of silk worms on hand at the present time.

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July 19". Elder Freegift Wells, accompanied by Elder Br. Stephen Spinning, Elder Br. Eli Houston & Br. Daniel Boyd, from Union Village; arrived at North Union.– They were going to New Lebanon. N. Y.– Among all those that had been sent from the East to labor in the Western Vineyard of the Lord; they had all been called home except Elder Freegift. And now the call had come for him to return; which occasioned much sorrow of heart throughout all the Western Churches; to part with the last one of those sent from the Mother Church, & was truly a great cross to be taken up.– After tarrying about a week they proceeded on their journey to New Lebanon.–

Covenant.

It is now about 15 years since the Church at North Union was first Organized and its written Covenant executed; during which time the Church has passed through many trying scenes, gained much valuable experience, and found a great increase of light and understanding, both in things spiritual and temporal. Hence the Church at North Union was now prepared to renew their covenant with each other and to sign the Written Covenant in its present revised and much improved form, as it has been presented to us from New Lebanon through the Church at Union Village.– For a Copy of the Covenant itself, see Book B.–"Office Record."– Also, a Copy of the 1" Covenant, with the names of its signers, Supplement &c. see page 216.

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July 24." The following is a true and correct Copy of the original signers of the Covenant in its present revised and improved form; Witnessed by Stephen Spinning and Daniel Boyd of Union Village. This was the second time that a written Covenant had been signed by the members of the Church at North Union.

A Copy of the original signers of the revised Covenant.

No.		No.	
1	John P. Root	1	Susannah Sawyer
2	James S. Prescott,	2	Permelia C. Torrey
3	Elijah Russell	3	Phebe her x mark Andrews
4	William Andrews	4	Polly Sawyer
5	Elisha Russell	5	Jerusha Russell
6	Ambrose Bragg	6	Polly Sutton
7	Ebenezer R. Russell	7	Prudence Sawyer
8	Robert Skillicorn	8	Hannah Addison
9	Samuel Rickert	9	Caroline Bearss
10	Daniel Bennett	10	Mary Edmister
11	Lester G. Shepard	11	Rhoda Watson
12	Hugh McQueen	12	Melenda Russell
13	John Barry	13	Adeline Russell
14	Daniel N. Baird	14	Abagail Russell
15	Philander C. Cramer	15	Mary A. Russell
16	John Norton	16	Sally Ann Cooper
17	George W. Ingalls	17	Margaret C. Sawyer
18	Benjamin H. Shannon	18	Caroline Russell
19	James M. Mott	19	Melinda O. Torrey
20	Daniel his x mark L. Kidney	20	Lydia Russell 1."
21	Samuel S. Miner	21	Harriet Shepard
22	Chester Risley	22	Sally Osterhold
23	George W. Pike	23	Sabina Daily
24	John C. Stark	24	Lucretia Sutton
25	Christian Stade	25	Eunice Bennett
26	Edward Russell	26	Lydia Russell 2."
27.	David W. Perry.	27	Alma Sawyer
		28,	Roxiana Russell,

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No.	
29	Candace Russell
30	Lucy Cooper
31	Emelia Young
32	Jerusha Russell 2d
33	Mary Waggott
34	Harriet Snook
35.	Lovina Sutton.

We do hereby certify that on the twenty fourth day of July in the year of our Lord eighteen and forty three, we were present and witnessed the signing of the ~~revised~~ Covenant of the members of the Church at North Union; and each came forward voluntarily and subscribed their names in our presence; begining at No. 1. John P. Root, and ending at No. 27. David W. Perry; Also begining at No 1. Susannah Sawyer and ending at 35. Lovina Sutton.

Witness our hands:
Stephen Spinning,
Daniel Boyd.

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A true and correct Copy of subsequent signers.

We whose names are subjoined, make these our signatures to the revised Covenant or Constitution of the Church at North Union.

28 Amasa Blodget
29 Hiram Young
30. Freeman Philips.

36 Phila Copley
37 Sarah Ann Kenyon
38 Anna Bennett
39. Lydia Ann Wells.

Witnessed by Ashbel Kitchell and Sanford Russell of Union Village; and Daniel N. Baird and Lester G. Shepard Trustees of North Union.

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July 31." Some changes were made among the Brethren, viz. Br. Daniel N. Baird was Appointed to be first Trustee; and Br. Elisha Russell was released Br. Lester G. Shepard was Appointed, second Trustee Br. Edward Russell was Appointed seond Elder in the Mill Family, and Br. Washington Pike was released Br. Samuel Rickert was Appointed Farmer Deacon; and Br. Curtis Cramer was released.- Br. Ambrose Bragg and Curtis was removed to the Mill, to tend the Saw-Mill.- Br. George Ingalls was Appointed Caretaker of the Boys again at the South House, & Ambrose was released.- Washington was removed to the Center Family.

Sept. 12." Another visit was made to Union Village, viz. two of the Ministry, Eldress Polly and Br. Riley; Accompanied by Br. Edward and Sister Candace Russell.- They went in a Carriage.-

Oct. 11." The Ministry and those who accompanied them returned from Union Village; and brought with them 2 or 3 copies of the "Sacred Roll and Book." of the first Part only.-

22." Sabbath Day. The Sacred Roll, was read at North Union in Church Meeting, for the first time, and was continued- 40 pages at a reading, until all was read.- Copies of the first Part, however, was all that was obtained at this time.

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Departed Spirits.

Oct. 29" Sabbath Day. Among the many supernatural and inspired Gifts which we had been informed was abounding among Believers in the eastern Societies; was the Gift of taking in Departed Spirits; - Spirits that once lived on the Earth and inhabited human bodies, had now returned and took possession of the bodies of some individuals of both sexes in every Society. - This Gift had now reached North Union, for the first time: the particulars of which will be kept in a more "Sacred Record." -

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Jan. 29" Another visit was made to Union Village, viz. Elder Samuel Russell went alone except some invisible spirits; one in particular who was a Moor Preacher, & a strong advocate of the Mahometan faith & the Alkoran; but had recently been converted to Believers faith; who said his name was Tetriender. -

Feb 29" Elder Samuel returned from Union Village accompanied by some Indian Spirits besides those who went from here. -

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June. 12th Sister Thankful Russell was Appointed Elder Sister in the Mill Family; and Alma Sawyer was to remain in the lot with her; Aged Sister Lydia was released & moved to the center Family: Sister Phila was Appointed to take Thankful's place at the South House.

July 2d Br. Hiram Young was Appointed Farmer Deacon & Samuel Rickert was released, and moved to the Mill, and likewise Henry Rickert moved with him.

Sept. 21st Sister Sarah Ann Kenyon, moved from the Gathering Order to live, in the Center Family, in the Church.

Oct. 19th The new "Stone Grist Mill" at North-Union was now about completed; with 3 Run of Stone and new Bolting establishments, screen, Corn cracker, &c. & no pains spared to make every thing strong & durable; as much of it as could be consistently, is made of Stone and Cast iron; the Mill itself is made of stone. 38 by 50 feet - 2 story high on the North end, and 1+ story high on the south end. - The Wheels and shafts, and much of the Gearing is made of cast iron. - The Race way & Penstock is made of Stone. The expense of the whole throughout will probably amount to ——— 6 or 7 thousand Dollars.

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Nov. 25." Br. Elijah Russell was removed from the Office to live in the Center House, and Br. Elisha was Appointed to take his place in the office in taking care of strangers &c.

Dec. 3." Sister Melinda Torrey and Sally Wells moved from the Center family to live in the Mill Family, and Sister Mercy Sawyer moved from the Mill Family to live in the center Family.

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Jan. 2." Br. George W. Ingalls was Appointed second Elder in the Mill Family; and Br. Edward Russell was released, and moved to the Center Family. Br. Freeman Phillips was Appointed to take George's place in taking care of the Boys, at the South House

12." Elder John Martin arrived at North Union. He had been to New Lebanon N. Y. and was on his return to Union Village.

20." Elder John having finished his visit at North Union, set out on his Journey to Union Village, Accompanied by two young Brethren from North Union, viz. Lemuel C. Torrey and Moses W. Thayer.

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Feb. 1." The following is a *copy* of an Address, written by Br. Seth Y. Wells of New-Lebanon, and recommended to the attention of all good Believers, and was — brought by Elder John, in — his last visit to North Union.

" To the Elders, Deacons, and Trustees in the United Societies throughout Zion.

Dearly beloved Friends.

Feeling a deep interest in the prosperity of the rising generation, in union with the beloved Ministry, and in the discharge of a conscientious duty, I take the liberty to express my feelings on this subject, for the consideration of the faithful and beloved Leaders and burden-bearers in all the branches of Zion.

As believers are in the practice of taking many children into the Society in the various branches of the communion and as we have received counsel from our Heavenly Parents to take in as many as we are able to take care of, we ought and must of necessity, feel our selves responsible for the suitable cultivation of their minds, manners and habits. Our great object should be to make good Believers of them; that they may become useful and honorable members in the house of God.

For this purpose it seems of the first importance that strict attention should be paid to the cultivation of their faculties both of body and mind. While their faculties are growing in them great care and attention is very necessary to have them *grow aright*; And in a suitable manner, to be useful to themselves and to the Society.

I have often had reason to fear that there was not that degree of consideration and feeling upon this subject among Believers that its importance requires; Our responsibility in this line of duty is certainly very great.

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Feb. 1" When we take children under our care, we of course become as Parents to those children consequently we are accountable as Parents and guardians to them, & have a duty to do towards them, which we cannot in justification pass over without faithfully fulfilling it.

The first object, of course, is to have suitable Care-takers and Teachers provided for them; these should be selected from members who are best qualified for those duties; and who can feel interested in the charge. A suitable School Education, is of great importance and ought by no means to be neglected.

Children are, naturally very full of life & activity, and they must and will be employed about something. If not attending School and learning something that will interest their feelings and be profitable to themselves and useful to the Society in after life, they will be very liable to spend their leisure hours in some employment that will do them more hurt than good.

During the long winter Evenings and many other times, when not employed in any hand labor, if not engaged in School; or occupied in some useful branch of learning, or in the study of some useful Book of instruction, they will be very likely when not under the eye of their Leaders to spend their time in talking nonsense, rolling about the floor, scuffling, pulling and hauling each other about, tearing their clothes, or rambling where they have no business, and corrupting themselves and each other in body and mind, in some way that will bring them under much loss, and fix them to go off to the world when old enough.

But if required and encouraged to attend School, and are faithfully taught and instructed, not only suitable letter-learning, but in good moral and religious principles, and practice, according to the gospel, they may have their minds and manners so formed, that it will become their pleasure and their interest to gain all the good they can. And such children by these means

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will be much more likely to form good characters, and make good believers than those that have very little chance of such Schooling, and still less encouragement to learn.

Feb. The children should be encouraged and blessed in their Schooling, not only by their Teachers and Caretakers, but by the brethren and Sisters in the family where they live, whenever they have a convenient opportunity, considering the children as belonging to the Society, and entitled to the privilege of being brought up and instructed as Candidates for the Kingdom of Heaven; every one ought to feel it a duty to unite in promoting the great object of their moral instruction and salvation.

I am far from supposing that letter-learning will save any soul, any more than learning to make shoes, or any other mechanic art, but good moral and religious instruction (which should be ever taught in School) will have a direct tendency, if rightly improved, to form an upright character, and uprightness of character, if honestly and justly supported will finally lead to salvation.

Teachers and Caretakers may instruct, and take care of the children, but without a united and interested feeling in the family to promote their improvement, the Teachers & Care-Takers, tho ever so faithful in their duty, can feel but little encouragement in their solitary labors to advance the moral and literary improvement of their young and growing charge.

Discouragements have sometimes been thrown upon their labors, by unwise, unguarded, and discouraging remarks, made by individuals in the presence of the children; such as the following, namely. "What is the use of so much time and expense devoted to Schooling? - The children will never be any better for it. I never had a quarter so much spent upon my Schooling and I always got along well enough. They had better be kept at home to work &c.

Such language as this damps the courage of the Teachers, and disheartens the children, and they soon begin to think it is of no use, and care very little whether they learn any thing or not, and more especially those that love their play better than their books, will take no pains to learn because they find more pleasure in their play.

Since it is considered of importance by our Lead that Schools should be supported in the Society, for the benefit of the children, it is therefore, important that the best and most expeditious method of instruction should be adopted, and every encouragement given to the children to improve the time allotted them for attending School to the best advantage.

Feb. With a liberal provision of necessary apparatus for the School, constant attendance through the season, proper encouragement and suitable instruction, children of common capacity may obtain as much learning as is necessary for Believers by the time they are 16 years of age.

The branches of instruction required for the children of Believers are, *reading*, *writing*, and the principles of *common Arithmetic*. And Boys, especially, should be taught how to keep accounts. Both Boys and Girls, who have a capacity for it, should be instructed in the principles of *English Grammar* that they may learn how to write correctly; otherwise they will find themselves deficient in that branch which has proved and will yet prove of great importance to Believers; for we know not to what duties they may be called, nor how much necessity they may have in time to come for the use of the pen.

Had not our youth in this Society been instructed in this branch in connection with composition, when they were children, it would have been nearly impossible to have kept any correct account of the late wonderful divine manifestations with which we have been so highly favored these few years past.

Many will go to School and learn to write a tolerable decent hand, but for the want of suitable instruction, they will be incapable of putting their ideas on paper in any regular order, or in any degree of correctness. This therefore I consider, next to

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reading well, a very important branch of school instruction for the children of Believers.

A little knowledge of the general principle of Geography, may often be found useful, and especially concerning the Geography of our own country. State boundaries products &c. but I do not consider it necessary for the children of Believers to devote much of their precious time to this study. Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic, are much more important, and ought to be more strictly attended to.

Feb. But every facility should be provided to forward their improvement, and not have them sent to School season after season, with very little benefit, suitable books, paper, Slates, and all the needful Apparatus should be fre ly and liberally provided by the Trustees, for the accommodation of the School. The expense of these things is but trifling in comparison to the benefit to be derived from them by the Scholars.

From experience and observation I am convinced that where proper provision is made for the School, with suitable instruction, children in general, will learn three times as fast as in many country Schools where there is a general neglect of making suitable provision for the School. This I have seen fairly proved, and have noticed the different effects;- therefore I know it to be true.

In our School we find that, taking the children as they are, when received into the Society, some without even a knowledge of the Alphabet, they will learn more in four months, (the time we keep the School in the winter season for Boys, and the same in summer for Girls,) under a faithful Teacher, than in many country Schools, as formerly managed, when the children are not provided for, as ours are, they would learn in twelve months. This is certainly a great saving of time, provisions and clothing. Because (the twelve months schooling to gain what might be gain in four months,) during the eight extra months of schooling; the

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time is spent provisions consumed, and the wear and tear of clothes gone. Surely this must cost much more than all the Books, paper, Slates &c. that would be necessary during the four months schooling aforesaid.

Feb. In supporting a School it is very important that some suitable person should be appointed, whose business it is to see that suitable provisions are made for the accommodation of the Teachers, and for the convenience and improvement of the Scholars. Let a person be chosen for this purpose who can feel interested in the prosperity of the School, and who can willingly and freely attend to this business, and to whom the Teachers can freely apply for whatever is wanted for the use of the School; And let the person so Appointed apply to the Trustees, who are to see that such things as are wanted are provided accordingly.

This matter ought not to be passed over nor neglected; otherwise no one will feel obligated to see to it, and the Teachers when in want of these things for the benefit of the School, knows not where to look for them. If he calls upon the Trustees, they have had no orders for this purpose, and they know nothing about it. Besides they have, or think they have business enough of their own to see to, without attending to School matters.

Yet these things are needed for the further progress of the School, and must be provided.- But who will see to it? Why no body: So it may turn out according to the old saying; "What is every body's business, proves to be no body's concern". For no body is appointed to see to it, and this no body is no where to be found.

Another difficulty is very apt to arise which brings a greater trial than many are aware of. It is the practice of detaining Scholars at home to attend to some other business, especially without the previous consent or knowledge of the Teacher. By this means a class is often broken up, and the regular course of their studies deranged, lose a portion of the time allotted allotted them to at-

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tend School, and fall behind their class, and discouragement follows.

Feb. All this is but little thought of by those who detain the children at home, but the Teachers know and feel the effects. I have experienced these difficulties, and well know the consequences. If at any time there is an absolute necessity of detaining any of the children at home, it ought to be done only by the consent of Elders, and giving the Teachers previous notice.

This should be a *standing* *Rule*. To promote the profitable improvement of the Scholars, every encouragement should be given. Without encouragement, children will make but little progress in their learning. One important means of encouragement is frequent visitations to the School. This should not be neglected; it is a spur to the children and encouragement to the Teacher. If any should doubt this let them consider how any family of Believers would feel and what would be their encouragement if they were never visited by their Ministry. Or, how would any of the Brethren and Sisters feel: or what would be their progress in the gospel, especially those of the younger class, if never noticed by their Elders and Superiors? This matter is worthy of consideration. The School should occasionally be visited by the Elders and by the Trustees. The Deacons and Deaconess, in their turn, and also by the Elderly part of the Brethren and Sisters, a few at a time. And when visited, the children should be exhorted and encouraged to faithfulness by the Visitors, and reminded of their great privilege, and exhorted to prize and improve it.

The preceding remarks and instructions have been written with a sincere desire to promote the moral, religious, and literary improvement of the rising generation in the different Societies of Believers throughout Zion, and to aid & encourage their Teachers in the arduous labor of instructing them.

If these my humble endeavors meet the approbation of the Ministry and Elders throughout the extensive borders of Zion, it is my desire that they may be attended to and put in practice in their respective Societies, and may the Divine blessing attend them. So prays the true friend

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and well-wisher to the prosperity of the rising generation.

Seth Y. Wells.

Holy Mount Oct. 1st 1844.

The Ministry having examined the foregoing, approve of the same, and recommend it to the attention of all good Believers.

Rufus Bishop.

Copied from the original at North Union Jan. 1845.

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Feb. 10th Monday. The visit of the Heavenly Father commenced at North Union Feb. 10th on Monday at 9 o'clock A. M.- for the particulars of which, see Church Record Book C.- Page 70. to 78.-

23rd Sabbath Day. The Heavenly Father closed His visit at North Union.- leaving that holy and divine impression on the minds of the People that never will be erased while time endureth. The particulars of which may be seen in "Church Record." Book C.- Page 78."- &c.

April 9th Br. Jeremiah Ingalls moved to the "Gathering Order," and appointed their Farm Deacon.

14th Those who lived in the old Nurse-Shop, moved, to give place to the Boys from the South-House- Sister Melenda and Caroline Russell, move to the Red Shop. And Sister Sarah Ann Kenyon moved to the office.-

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April 16." Changes and moves.- The South-House evacuated.- the Boys and their CareTakers moved to the old Nurse Shop.- Sister Phila Copley moved to the Office to live with Sister Adeline as Office Deaconess; and Sister Rhoda Watson was released and moved to the Mill Family. The rest of the Sisters who composed the South House Family moved to the Center Family.

23." Wednesday. The Brethren of the center and Mill Families united in preparing the "*Holy Ground*," selected by the *Heavenly Father* and revealed by His Holy Angels.- See Sacred or Church Record Book C. Page 79."- A Pine Tree was set out in the center of the square, and a young Locust Tree at each corner of the "*Holy Ground*."-

May 5." Monday. The men employed from Cleveland, commenced moving the South House to the Center.- the object of this move is, to make a *Nurse-Shop*, *Hospital*, or *Infirmary* of it.

13." Tuesday. We received some Visitors from Union Village viz. Elder Ashbel Kitchell, Br. Sanford Russell, Sister Betsy Dickson, and Sister Lucina Risley;- they arrived at North Union well; but found it disagreeable riding in the carriage on account of the dust in consequence of the *drouth*.

28." Wednesday. Elder Ashbel, and his company having finished their visit at North Union returned to Union Village, expecting to find it more dusty traveling than when they came, because there had been but little or no rain since they arrived. Their visit was quite satisfactory throughout.

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May 30." Br. Washington Pike was appointed Care-Taker of the Boys and Br. Freeman Phillips was released.-

July 16." Wednesday. Sister Ruth Andrews moved from the Gathering Order to the center Family, on account of ill health, and Sister Candace Russell was appointed to fill her place as Elder Sister, in the Gathering Order

August. 7." Thursday. Br. Elisha Russell set out on a Journey this morning for New York City, with 7 Horses for market in company with Decker & Dunham of Cleveland.

16." The new frame of an Addition to the Office, was raised 15 by 36 feet, designed for a Kitchen and lodging Rooms.- A small Frame also was put up South of the Meeting House 14 by 22 feet, designed for a Carriage House.- Both of which were framed by Br. Riley.

19." Tuesday. The Ministry from North Union went to Union Village on a visit, consisting of Elder Samuel, Br. Riley, Eldress Polly and Sister Rachel.

Sept. 12." A Brother from Groveland Society N. Y. called and staid over night; his name was Charles Forgor: he came to Cleveland, in quest of some stolen horses.-

15." Monday. Our Ministry returned from their visit to Union Village, all, in usual health.

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Sept. 18th Thursday. The South House being moved and fitted up for a Nurseshop, was now ready to be occupied, accordingly Sister Melenda Russell and Sister Harriet Shep and moved in to be the Nurses.

30th Tuesday. Br. Elisha Russell returned from New York City, by way of New-Lebanon and Water-Vliet, and stopped and made a visit in each of those Societies, which was satisfactory to them and profitable to him.

Oct. 1st Wednesday. The Brethren from the Center and Mill Families unitedly, went to assist the *Gathering Order* in raising the Frame of their new *Dwelling House*, which is 56 by 36 feet, besides the *Kitchen* which is (in connexion with the House) 26 by 60 feet, and a good cellar under the whole, and a Well between, very deep. The buildings were framed by Solyman Hubbell, of Warrens-Ville.-

7th Tuesday. The Ministry from Union Village arrived at North Union by way of Sandusky and the Lake.- There were only three in number viz. Elder John Martin, Eldress Sally Sharp, and Sister Neomi Lagier. They were going to New-Lebanon N. Y. and expecting to go home by way of New-York and Philadelphia. &c.- They brought with them a "*Book of Orders*" to be left at North Union.-

15th Wednesday. The Ministry having finished their visit at North Union, proceeded on their journey to New-Lebanon N. Y. they went in the Stage from Cleveland on account of the Lake being rough.

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Oct 16." Some Changes and moves have taken place, viz. Br. Jeremiah Ingalls moved from the Gathering Order and Appointed Care-taker of the Boys, in union with Br. Washington; Br. James M. Mott was released and moved into the Center House.

Some others moved from the Gathering Order viz. Samuel Thomas, William Lucy, Charles Taylor, and Rheaben Hoffman, a little Boy. Charles moved to the Mill Family, Samuel being lame moved to the Nurse Shop, William moved to the Red Shop.

Charles Taylor moved to the Mill, Samuel Rickert moved from the Mill, to the center, and occupies Elder Brothers shop, and Elder Br. occupies Franklin's Shop, and Franklin occupies the Girls room, and the Girls moved to the Mill, 7 of them, and Sister Margaret Swayer their Care-Taker moved with them.

20." Monday. Br. Riley is released from the Ministry, and Appointed first Trustee again; and Sister Rachel is released from the Ministry and Appointed Elder Sister of the Center Family; and Sister Susannah is released from being Elder Sister And Appointed to live with Eldress Polly in the Ministry.

22." Wednesday. There being now three Trustees at the Office, regularly Appointed; it was thought advisable according to the "Book of Orders" lately received, that there should be also three family Deacons Appointed, in the center family in the Church, whose duty it should be, in union with the Trustees, to take the immediate direction, charge, and oversight of all the temporalities of said family in the Church; that the Ministry and Elders might be more released; Accordingly the

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following named Brethren were duly Appointed to fill these important places of trust. Br. Elisha Russell was Appointed first family Deacon; Br. Hiram Young was Appointed second family Deacon; and Br. Rodney Russell was Appointed third family Deacon. Br. Elisha's calling and Gift is more particularly with the Mechanics Tannery &c. Br. Hiram's Gift is confined more particularly with the farming interests; and Br. Rodney's Gift is to attend more particularly to the calls about the Kitchen, Door-yard &c.

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The order and Arrangement of the Trustees at the Office is laid out in the following manner. Br. Riley's Gift is to attend more particularly to the concern of the Mills, Saw-Mill, Grist-Mill, & cooper-factory, and likewise to the wants of the Mill Family. Br. Daniel's Gift is to see to the Machinery and to do the pedling &c. And Br. Lester's Gift is to attend more particularly to the putting up and disposing or distributing of the "Garden Seeds," and collecting their dues and to assist in starting a Medical Garden &c.

Br. Hugh McQuead is released from keeping the Books at the Office, and is Appointed to take care of strangers, in Br. Elisha's place.

25." The Drouth this season has been remarkable in the extreme; notwithstanding the fruit was pretty much all cut off last Spring by the late frosts, the fall Crops are coming in tolerably well; such as Indian Corn, beans, Pumpkins, Turneps, field Beets, & Potatoes, tho the Potatoes are inclined to rot.

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Nov. 10." Monday. Samuel Thomas moved from the center to the Mill Family to live. Also two from the Gathering Order viz. Ancarilla Cojer, and Lois Sevan, a Girl about 4 years of age.

12." Wednesday. Br. Ambrose Bragg removed from the Mill Family to the Center Family, to live in the upper West room; and Br. Edward Russell moved to the Mill Family to live, and to assist in tending the Grist-Mill &c.

14." Friday. There were three more removed from the Gathering Order to live, in the center family in the Church; Viz. Hugh Bailey, Nehemiah Sevan, and Ralph Sevan; the last two mentioned went to the Children's Order to live, and Hugh went to live in the Red-Shop.

16." Sabbath Day. In our Church Meeting "the *Book of Orders*" was read, what had not been for two or three Sabbaths previous, which finished the Book. – Many of the Orders were new & closer than had ever been given out before at North Union.

Dec. 1." Some futher changes and moves have taken place, Viz. Aged Cynthia removed from the Center to the Mill Family to live. – Sally Wells moved from the Mill to the Center Family, to live in the Nurse-Shop. – Sophia Hoffman moved from the Gathering Order to live, in the Center Family. –

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3." Changes Continued.- Sister Phila Copley was released from being Office Deaconess, and Appointed Family Deaconess in the Center Family & Sister Abagail Russell was released from being Family Deaconess, & moved into the upper West room. Sister Alma Sawyer was released from living in the Elders Lot at the Mill, and Appointed Office Deaconess, to live with Sister Adeline, Sister Melinda Torrey was Appointed to live with Sister Thankful Russell in the Elders lot in the Mill Family. Sister Mercy Sawyer moved into the Nurse-Shop as a Nurse - Sister Sally Osterhold, and Sister Roxy Russell are to live with Sister Phila as Family Deaconesses.

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Jan. 10." Br. Hiram Young was released from being Family Deacon and removed to the Mill Family, and Appointed Miller, in consequence of the failure and removal of Amasa Blodget.

Br. Henry Rickert was Appointed second family Deacon, in consequence of the removal of Br. Hiram Young.

Feb. 24." Tuesday. Another change and removal took place to day, viz. Curtis Cramer removed from the Mill to the Center Family, to live, in the lower East Room; but is to continue tending the Saw-Mill days;- George Jefferson removed from the Center to the Mill Family, to live, and to help tend the Saw-Mill nights. for the present.

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1846.

March

17 Melinda Torrey was released from the Elders lot at the mill family and moved to the Nurse room. Adaline Russell appointed first in the Elders lot at the mill, and Thankful Russell second. Alma sawyer appointed first Trustee Deaconess and Rhoda Watson second

April

29 Chester Risley moved from the mill family to the Gathering order and stands as first in the Elders lot in that order, James S. Prescott went to live with him Oliver Wheeler moved from the Gathering order to the mill family as first in the Elders lot in Chester's place Sewel G. Thayer was released from the Elders lot at the Gathering order and moved to the center family

Sept

14 Hiram Young is appointed Elder Brother in the mill family, and Freeman Phillips is appointed to live with him. Oliver Wheeler and George Ingalls are released. Daniel N. Baird and Lester G. Shepard are released from the Trusteeship, and Elisha Russell appointed Trustee in their place. Oliver Wheeler is appointed Family Deacon in Elisha Russell's place

Dec

2 Candace Russell is released from the Elders lot in the Gathering order, and Melenda Russell appointed Elder Sister in her place.

1847

Jan 11 Jeremiah Ingalls is appointed to live with Elder Brother in the center family: Franklin Shepard removed.

1846.

June 1. "Monday - Elder Samuel started for Union Village on a visit, accompanied by Curtis Cramer Sister Melenda Russell & Sister Prudence Sawyer and returned July 2d."

1846. # Record.

Changes.

Dec. 2." Sister Melenda Russell moved to the Gathering Order to take Sis. Candace's place as Elder Sister in East family, the latter being released & moved to the center. —

Sept 20" Sab. A Meeting was held at the place called "Jehovah's Beautiful Square:" in which inspired Gifts were given.

1847. Jan. 20." Jeremiah Ingalls was
Marcus Bennett was seriously injured by one of the shafts at the Grist-Mill.

May 1." The Ministry from Union Village arrived at N. U. accompanied by Enoch Jacobs and Charles Clapp. &c.

7." Held a Meeting in the "Empire Hall" in Cleveland for the first time: in which E. Jacobs officiated. And after in several other places.

21" Elder Ashbel from Union Village was called here to attend a Court in Cleveland as a witness.

Sept. 24." Robert White, Prudence Morrell, and Eliza Sharp arrived at N. U. from U. V. on their way to the East.

Nov. 15." Daniel N. Baird started for Union Villg with a load of Broom Handles via Toledo. Canal &c.

1848.

April 20." The Ministry from Union Village, arrived here to day. viz. Elder John Bro. Lewis, and Eldress Sally and Sister Naomi.

26." The Ministry started on their journey to go East. to New. Lebanon.

New-Meeting House-Built-

May 16." Commenced laying the foundation for the New Meeting House 100 feet by 50. Dimensions.

1848. **Record.**

June 23" Elder John Martin from Union Village arrived at N. U. to day. –

" 28. Elder John having finished his visit returned home by way of Sandusky.

8" Sister Thankful Russell moved to the "Gathering Order" to live with Sister Melenda in the Elders lot.

22" Finished laying the foundation for the New Meeting House.

July 9" Brother Oliver Wheeler was appointed to fill the vacancy in the Ministry.

Aug. 22. A visit to Union Village.

August 29" Finished raising the New Meeting House: Which is 100 feet long and 50 feet wide.

Sept. 12" Oliver Wheeler deceased.

14 Bro. Sewel G. Thayer Hiram Youngs and Sister Adeline Russell and Rhoda Watson returned from a visit to Union Village.

19" Bro. Martin Babbit, Timothy Bunnell, Sister Ann Parkinson, and Julia Darrow arrived at N. U. from Union Village on a visit.

Oct. 14" Thomas Hunt and John Babbit two aged Brethren from Union Village arrived at N. U. on a visit.

23" The Brethren returned home with some 17000 Broom Handles. This was in part the design of their visit at N. U. at this time.

Nov. 14" The New Meeting House is now enclosed. –

1849.

Record.

Jan. 12″ Bro. Daniel Herring arrived at N.U. from U.V. to assist in finishing off the inside of our New Meeting House.

June 11.″ The Ministry from N.U. started on a visit to Union Village. Viz. Elder Samuel, Elder Polly, and Sister Susannah: accompanied by Bro Daniel S. – and Mary Rickert.

July 17.″ Our Ministry returned from U.V. –

Changes.

Aug. 11.″ Eldress Polly is released from the Ministry and is appointed Elder Sister in the "Gathering Order." – Sister Adeline Russell, is appointed to take her place in the Ministry. Br. Jeremiah, is appointed to be first in the Elders lot in the Mill Family. – James S. Prescott is appointed to live with Elder Brother in the center family. – Sister Melenda Russell is appointed to live with Elder Sister in this family. – Sister Permelia Torrey, is appointed to be the Elder Sister in the Mill family. – Br. Freeman Philips is appointed to live with Elder Chester Risley in the Gathering Order &c. –

16.″ Harriet Shepard is appointed to live with the Elder Sister in the Mill Family, and Mercy Sawyer is appointed Deaconess pro tem. Sally Osterhold moves to the center. – &c.

Oct. 15.″ Abagail Russell is appointed to live
″ ″ at the Office as a Trustee Deaconess. Rhoda Wat-
″ ″ son is appointed to live at the Nurse Room as a
″ ″ Nurse. – Melinda Torrey is released. –

Riley Honey and James S. Prescott, appointed Legal Trustees, to whom, titles to the Real Estate, is to be transferred from Union Village. –

1849. Record

Nov. 29" The New Meeting House was dedicated on this day & Inspired Gifts accompanied our Meeting and seemed to approbate the exercises of the solemn and important occasion.

1850. April 16." The Ministry from Union Village arrived at N. U. on their way to "Holy Mount" or New Lebanon. Viz. Elder John. Eldress Sally and Sister Naomi.

April 25." Bro. Hiram Young is appointed to be the second Elder in the Mill Family—Curtis Cramer being released.—

May 19."— The Ministry arrived at N. U. on their return from the East. and tarried with us until the 23."— and then started for Union Village.

June 2." Commenced reading in "Holy Wisdom's Book", for the first time, in Chh. Meeting—the Box being lately received.—

Drouth.

9." Sat. Had a shower of rain to day which is the first we have had of any consequence for 2 or 3 months.

10" Bro. George Ingalls is appointed family Deacon in place of Br. John Norton.

The maple sugar made in the church this season amounts to 3.464 pounds.

Sept. 28." Sat. Bro. David Parker and Bro. Caleb M. Dyer of Canterbury & Enfield N. H. called and made a visit— tarried a few days.

1850. # Record.

Nov. 25" Mon. Elder Samuel set out on a journey for Union Village.

Dec. 4" Wed. Elder Samuel returned from U. V.

24" Tues. Bro. Nelson R. Philips, appointed to fill the vacancy in the Ministry.

1851. Jan. 9" Elderess Polly is released from the Gathering Order— Sister Melenda Russell is appointed to fill her place in the Elders lot. Harriet Shepard is appointed to live with Elder Sister in the center Family. Lydia Russell 2" is appointed to live with Sister Permelia in the Elders lot in the Mill Family.

Feb. 26" Bro. Elisha returned from Union Village accompanied by Elder Brother Richard M. Pelham, who made quite a satisfactory visit here at N. U. April 3" S. Miner moved to the center Family—

April 21" Mon. Bro. John Norton removed to Water-Vliet Ohio

Oct. 9" Thurs. Visitors from Water-Vliet Ohio arrived viz. Bro. Thomas Williams, Moses Eastwood, and Sisters Matilda Williams and Peggy Patterson.

1852. ## Holy Mount.

June 11" Friday. The Ministry and Elders from Holy Mount or New Lebanon arrived, six in number viz. Elder Rufus Bishop, Brother Amos Stewart, Elder Brother Daniel Boler, Elderess Asenath Clark, and Sister Betsey Bates, and Elder Sister Eliza Ann Taylor.

April 16" Samuel Miner Moved to the Mill Family.

1852. **Record.**

Aug.
19." The Ministry from North Union visited Union Village, by private carriage of their own, 4 in number viz. E. Samuel, Br. Nelson, E. Adeline & Si. Susannah.

" **Spirit Mediums.**

19. Thurs. About 20 or 25 Mediums from Cleveland held a meeting with us in our Meeting House to day. — A general meeting was held.

Sept.
14." Thurs. The Ministry returned from U.V. to day about 5 o'clock P.M.

15." Bro. Peter Boyd & Ithamer Johnson arrived at N.U. from U.V. their chief object was to attend the State Fair at Cleveland.

26." Tues. Elder Chester moved to the Mill Family Bro. Hiram took his place in the G.O. Bro. Isaiah lives with him, & bro. Jeremiah lives with Elder C.

Fire.

S
Oct. 3." Sab Eve.

About 9 o'clock P.M. the Barn & Shed at the East House was all in a flame & was shortly totally consumed — loss estimated at 900 dollars — supposed to be the work of incendiary persons — the Barn was 36 by 50. feet.

14." Raised a Waggon Shed at the Mill 23 by 55 feet.

27." Raised the Ministry's Shop 18 by 26 feet. — posts 17 feet — Shed 14 by 21 feet.

April 30." Friday. **Hail Storm.**

The hail storm to day was severe — some of the hail was as large as small hen's eggs & done much damage — the glass broken is estimated at about 1200 panes at N.U.

1852.

Record.

Aug. 2" Elder Rufus Bishop of New Lebanon, N. Y. departed this life on Monday Aug. 2 about 9 o'clock A.M. at White Water Village, Ohio, aged 76 years, &c. — Thus has fallen a Father and Elder Israel, and one greatly beloved, and whose death will be lamented throughout Zion.

14" On Saturday Evening, he appeared in our Meeting, spiritually, and gave out his love, love, through a distinguished Medium, viz. Sarah Ann Kenyon; — who spoke for him as follows. "Keep — your eye on the light given you, and all will be well in time and eternity." &c. — He was seen in company with a Chariot load on their way to Mount Lebanon.

24" Visit to Cleveland.

The Elders in the Gathering Order, viz. E. Chester Risley, James S. Prescott, E. Melinda Russell, and E. Sister Rachel Russell of the Center Family &c. held a Meeting with the Spiritualists in Cleveland: in which two circles were formed having vocal and instrumental music and many strange operations: — writing and speaking, &c.

28" Caroline Wells from Buffalo, arrived to N. U. she came to make Sally a visit — Caroline is in the 19 year of her age.

Sept. 3" She left N. U. for Buffalo accompanied by Elder Chester Sisters Melinda T. and Sally W. as far as Cleveland. She returned to N. U. about the 1 of Nov. Went to the E. H. the 11" —

14" The Ministry returned from Union Village.

Dec. 29" Henry Bush, and a Dutchman by the name of Christian, moved from the East House to the church, Christian went to the Mill Family

1853.

Jan. 4" Br. John Norton, returned to North Union from Water-Vliet, Ohio.

1853.

Journal.

Jan. 17." Sally Osterhold moved to the Office to live with Abigail Russell. Phila Copley was released.

"Spiritual Telegraph".

Feb. 11." Printed in New-York when first read in our Meetings, in the evening it was announced that 412 Spirits were present, who wished to take a seat with us, to hear a Friend in the body Read concerning the work of spirits.

April

Changes.

16." William Johnson moved from the East House to the Center Family chh. William Dewan moved to the East-House, to take Luther Gould's place as a Shoe-Maker Luther having withdrawn. Samuel Miner has moved to the Mill Family.

June 19." Alexander Prescott visited N. U from Ogdensburg, N. Y. staid over one Sabbath.

Public Meetings.

Sept 4." Public Meetings commenced again at N. U. Sept. 4" 1853. - Having been closed ever since Sept. 11." 1842. Eleven years

12." John A. Stark left for Switzerland - on N. Y.

Aug. 9" Luther Bailey was appointed Farmer Deacon. George Ingalls is released.

20"

20" William Watkins called here from Union Village and tarried over one Sabbath. He had business East.

Oct. 4." A company of Visitors arrived from Union Village viz. Amos Babbit, George Tiberghien age 54 years - Phebe Babbit, Hopewell Gee and Sylvia Scott.

13" The Visitors returned to Union Village

Journal

1853.
Oct.

20. Another company arrived from Union Vill viz. Clark Valentine, Chauncy Daniels, Esther Davis Mariah Graham, Abigail Clark, Polly Clark and Ruth Darrow.

29. The above named Visitors returned to U. V. ac companied by E. Samuel Russell.

Nov. 3. — E. Samuel returned from Union Village.

10" The Ministry moved into their New Shop.

28" Br. Nelson Phillips moved to the Gathering Order, to fill a vacancy in the Elders Lot, occasioned by the removal of Isaiah Butler.

" Isaiah moved to the Center Family Chh. to take care of the Boys.

Dec.
16" Bro. David Smith from South Union Ky. aged 71 years, arrived at N. U. on a visit – staid about a week – He is Post-Master at South Union.

1854.

Jan. 7" Bro. Riley is released from the Office an Br. G. W. Pike takes his place.

Feb. 13 Henry Rickert moved to the Mill Family, Marcus and Rufus Bennett likewise.

March 22d. – George Ingalls moved to the Mill Family.

29 Samuel Hurlbut moved from the E. H. to the Mill Family.

April 4" John Norton moved to the Center Family from the Mill.

May 20" Finished the New Brick Bee House.

July
22d" Henry Oliver moved to the Center Family, from the Mill Family –

24" Samuel Thomas deceased aged 61 years –

Sept. . Public Meetings closed 3d Sabbath –

Journal.

1854.
Oct.
5" The Ministry from Union Village O. and
" South Union, Kentucky arrived at North Union on their
" return from the East- Their names are as follows-
" Union Village Ministry.
" Elder John Martin E. Sally Sharp-
" Bro. William Reynolds S. Neomi Lagier.
" South Union Ministry.
" Elder John Rankin - E. Betsey Smith.
" Bro. Urban Johns - S. Nancy Moore.

10" The South Union Ministry left to returne home.

"
" The walls of the Brick Factory are ready for the
" 3d Story- The Building is 24 by 50 feet.

"
17" The Union Village Ministry started for home-

"
" The walls of the Brick Factory are up.-
Dec. Daniel N. Baird started for Boston Mass.
Nov. 19" Received a Letter from John Stark. Switzerland-

1855.
Jan. 2" Commenced Plastering the Factory.

"
Feb. 23." Br. Timothy Bunnell from Union Village came
" to assist in building an Over-shot Wheel, for the moving
power to carry the Machinery in the Factory.

Jan.
" E. John Martin visited North Union.

March
15" Benjamin Shannon moved from the Office to the
" Center House to live.
20" Sanford Russell came from Union Village to
" assist in starting the Woollen Factory at North Union.

May.
12" Charles Sweet moved from the East House to the
Center Family chh.

Journal.

1855.
May.
15" O. Melinda Torrey was released from being
" Deaconess, and Ann Rickert takes her place. Melinda
" takes the Girls, and S. Arabella Shepard is released.
June
3." G. Washington Pike is released from the Office, and
" Sanford Russell is appointed to take his place, as an
" acting Trustee - Curtis Cramer is appointed to live with
" him.

"
Groveland.

"
21" A company of Visitors from Groveland N. Y.
arrived to day - viz. Bro. Malichi Sanford, Sisters Laura
Dole, Sarah Sizer and Polly Lee - ~~accompanied by E.
Samuel Russell as far as Buffalo.~~
27." The visitors returned by Steam-Boat on the Lake
as far as Buffalo - accompanied by E. Samuel Russell.

29." E. Freegift Wells from Water Vliet N. Y. on
a tour to Michigan called and made a short visit. -
July.
13." W. W. Andrews returned to the fold again bringing with him his two children, one boy and a girl.
viz. Adolphus and Ellen.
Aug.
16." Justice Harwood from WaterVliet N. Y. -
called and staid over night - He had been to Columbus
Ohio on business.
Sept. 18" A company started to Union Village
on a Visit. viz. Jeremiah Ingalls, William Johnson,
Thankful Russell, Mercy Sawyer, and Abigail Russell.
"
" Elder Bro. John P. Root returned from Michigan having been gone 2 two weeks. -
25." Sis. Vincy McNemar returned to Union Village accompanied by E. Samuel Russell, and G. W. Pike
Nov.
3" E. S. Russell returned from Union Village.
10." G. W. Pike returned from U. V.

Journal.

1855

Nov. 17" E. B. John P. Root returned from Michigan,
Dec. with two Ponies-

15" S. Laura Houghton moved to the Office to live with
" Abigail Russell as Trustee Deaconesses.

26" E. Samuel Russell started for Michigan.

"
18 E. B. Richard W. Pelham arrived at North Union.

1856.

Jan. 24" Elder Harvey Eades visited N. U. on his return from
the East, and tarried two days.

March
9" The thermometer stood about 10 Degrees below Zero, and snow
" is about 3 feet deep on a level.

April 1st Sanford Russell started for Union Village
" on a visit

14" G. W. Pike withdrew from the Society.-

"
18" Ezra Sherman from Whitewater Society called
" and staid over one Sabbath.

"
22d" Elder S. Russell started for Union Village on an
" "Express"-

30" Wed. E. Samuel Russell, E. Adeline Russell, and
" E. Melenda Russell left N. U. for Boston, Mass.
" expecting to visit Harvard and other Societies in the East.

"
" Sanford Russell returned from Union Village with some
" cattle, &c. having been gone about a month.

May.
18" Elisha and Thomas Embee from Union Village on
" their return from the East, called and made a visit.-

June 9"
" E. B. John P. Root went to Cleveland "W. Cure,"
to take treatment; - tarried two week-

July
10" A company of visitors from Union Village arrived
at N. U. on their way to New Lebanon- viz. Ashbel
Kitchel, Daniel Serring, Hiram Rude, Sisters

1856. # Journal.

" E. Lucy Faith, Lorina Rollins, Hannah
" Agnew; - tarried over one Sabbath. -

"
11 E. S. Russell and Company returned from
" their Eastern Tour, having been gone about two months
" and a half.

Cisterns.

Aug.
23" The cistern on the north side of the kitchen is
about 10 feet ~~deep~~ in diameter and 10 feet deep, bricked
up straight 4 feet high, then drawn over to two feet in
going 5 feet higher, and will contain about 113 Barrels.
of water -

Filter,

is 5 feet and a half in diameter, and 2 ½ feet deep, and
will contain 13 barrels and 5 gallons.

Visitors.

"
26 The above named Visitors from U. V. returned from
the East, viz. E. Ashbel &c. after tarrying about a week
Sept. 3" they started for U. V.
Oct. 8" Daniel N. Baird moved to the East House
or G. O. to live with Elder Hiram Young - Nelson Phillips is released to do the peddling.

Water Cure.

July A building 16 by 24 feet 2 stories high
was erected in the Garden, by a well of soft water for
Nov. a "Water Cure".
9" Br. Solomon Leonard from Groveland S. -
Dec. called and tarried over one Sabbath.
10" E. Samuel and Br. Riley started for Michigan
1857 to see about pine lumber. -
Jan.
21" E. John Martin from U. V. arrived at N. H.
and tarried over two Sabbaths. - not succeeding in
his mission as he expected, the following Changes took
place. see next page. -

1857

Journal.

Jan. 31." **Changes.** James S. Prescott moved to the Gathering Order, To take Elder Hiram's place, Elder Hiram Young moved to the 2d Order to take Elder Bro. Jeremiah Ingalls place; Sanford Russell went to live with Elder Bro. Pomeroy Root in the Center Family. Jeremiah went to live in the center Family: Samuel Hurlbut went to live with E. Br. Hiram at the 2d Order- Riley Honey and Henry Rickert went to live at the office- Ambrose Bragg moved to the Mill F. with 7 Boys.-

April.

18" William Johnson moved to the 2d Order and George Hunt to the center Family.

May

21" Samuel Miner went to live with Elder Brother Hiram at the 2d order, Samuel Hurlbut moved to the center Family to take care of the Boys.

26" George Hoffman returned to the fold.-

29" Commenced building a New Brick School House

Sept. 13." The N. W. Ministry returned from Union Village.

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19" Richard Van Dozer aged 29 yrs. and Hasting
" Storer aged 35 yrs. from Tyringham Society of Believers
" Mass. called and tarried over one Sabbath on their way
" to Union Village.

26." Lemuel C. Torrey called to see his Sisters.-

29 The Elders of the center Family viz. E. Bro. Pomeroy Root Bro. Sanford Russell. E. S. Rachel Russell, Sis. Harriet Shepard, went to visit the Society of Groveland.

30" Rodney Russell returned from Union Village having been gone about 2 weeks.

Oct.

7." The Elders returned from Groveland.

Dec.

3.d Commenced Plastering the New School House.-

" Buildings erected at the East House this season are an
" addition the wash-house 20 by 36 feet-2 story- Waggon Shed, 26 by 40.

Journal.

1858.
Jan.
13." Sanford Russell bid adieu to North Union
and returned to Union Village from whence he had been
" living.

Changes.

23." Freeman Phillips moved to the 2d Order
to live with E. B. Hiram Y.- Samuel Miner went
to live with E. B. Pomeroy in the center Family.
Saml G. Shayer moved to the 2d Order.
Feb.
15." William Devan moved from the G. O. to
May the center Family ch.h.
4." Daniel N. Baird withdrew from the Society.
July
26" Adeline Russell withdrew. " " "
"
31." E. John Martin from U. V. arrived at N. U.
" he came on Saturday, and tarried until wednesday
" following, Aug. 4th. -
Aug.
4." Samuel Russell withdrew.-
"
26." The Ministry from New- Lebanon ar-
" rived at N. U. on Thursday Aug. 26. The Ministry
" from Union Village, arrived at N. U. on Saturday
28." Aug. 28." - A Telegraphic Dispatch was issued on friday
" which brought them here in less than 24 hours.
" The Eastern Ministry after tarrying
" a few days left for Union Village, leaving the Southern
" Ministry here to make such alterations and chang-
" es, as they in their wisdom might see fit, and the ex-
" igency of the times require, which resulted in the following
" appointments.

Changes.

Sept. 1.
4." See the next page-

Journal.

1858.
Sept.
4." Pomeroy Root, Riley Honey { Ministry } Susannah Sawyer, Pamelia Torrey.

The vacancies being filled in the Ministry, other important changes took place as follows.

Samuel Miner was appointed Elder Brother in the center Family, Nelson Phillips was appointed to live with him. Samuel Hurlbut was appointed second Elder in the Gathering Order, Lydia Russell 2nd took S. Permelia's place as Elder Sister in the 2nd order, Mariah Devan went to live with her, Arabella Shepard was appointed Elder Sister in the Gathering Order, Laura Houghton went to live with her; - Melenda Russell was moved to the Office, Thankful Russell went to live at the Nurse Room, Candace Russell went to live at Nurse Room. Luther Bailey went to live at the Office to keep the Books &c.

25." Benjamin Shannon is released from the Family Deaconing and Thomas Giles takes his place.

23." John Berry moved from the 2nd Order to
Nov: the Center Family.

3rd " Curtis Cramer went to Groveland Society on business. - Returned on the 22nd inst.

1859.
Jan. 17" E. Pomeroy Root went to Grafton on business
Feb.
23." Curtis Cramer started for Sandusky - And
" Henry Rickert for Union Village.
March
11." H. Rickert returned home to N. U.

16." C. Cramer returned home from Sandusky.

Journal.

1859.
March
29" Timothy Bunnell from Union Village returned again to N. U. to put in an Over-shot wheel at the Saw-Mill.

23" Caroline Wells, moved again from the G. O. to the center Family ckh.-

May
9" Richard W. Pelham has returned again to North Union, after about twenty years absence, except some intervening visits- He will no doubt be eminently useful in keeping Books at the Office, and in giving counsel and advise to the official members, in all things both temporal and spiritual- His Gift will be highly appreciated by all the faithful at N. U.

April
19" The Ministry from Union Village arrived at N. U. on Tuesday, and tarried almost two weeks. They returned on the 29.th-

Changes.

29"- Hiram Young was appointed Elder Brother in the center Family, Samuel Miner lives with him. Nelson Phillips moved into the east Room below.
May.- Rhoda Watson and Lesettie Walker were appointed Elder Sisters in the 2d Order.

14" Timothy Bunnell returned to Union Village with many thanks for his labors.-

20" Riley Honey and Henry Rickert, returned from Sandusky.

June
20" Nelson Phillips withdrew from the Society.

July
11" Laura Tyler moved from the G. O. or East House to the center Family.

Sept.
9. Curtis Cramer went to Columbus.-

Journal.

1859.

June 16" Samuel G. Hurlbut moved to the center Family to live at the R. S.-

21" John Norton was appointed second Elder in the
" Gathering Order in the place of S. G. Hurlbut.-

" Daniel N. Baird moved to the 2^d Order; and
" W. W. Andrews moved to the Gathering Order.-

4" We had a severe Frost which done much damage
" and froze ice nearly 1/4 of inch thick.-

Nov. 9" Elizabeth Munger and daughters came to the E. H. from Canada West, on their way to Union Village.

1860.

July 4th "

Changes.

" Sister Harriet Shepard is appointed Elder
" Sister of the Centre Family- Eldress Rachel Russell
" moved to the Nurse-Room.- Sister Lydia Ann Cra-
" mer is appointed to live with Eldress Harriet. Sister
" Lesettee Walker is appointed Family Deaconess in the
" Centre Family. Mercy Sawyer is appointed to live with
" the Elder Sister in the Mill Family. Lydia Russell
" 2d. is released from being Deaconess in the Centre-
" Family. Sister Melenda Russell has obtained
" permission to move to the Gathering Order at Water
" Vliet N. Y. She is to take her leave on the 19th.
" of this month.

Society numbered.

" Center Family- Brethren 45.
" Sisters- 45.
" 90.

" Mill Family- Brethren, 17.
" " " Sisters, 14.

1860. Journal.

July Mill - Family. Total. 31.

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"

4th. **Gathering Order.**

"
" Brethren _ 14.
" Sisters = = 18.
" 32.

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" C. F. 90.
" M. F. 31.
" G. O. 32.

" Whole number. 1, 53. Total.

1861. May 13" - Br. John Norton moved to the Center House, to commence the Flouring Business -

May.

Sept. Sister Caroline Wells, was appointed to live with Elder Sister Harriet Shepard, in the C. F.

1862.

Changes.

Feb. 8th.

" Sis. Arrabella Shepard, moved from
" the G. O. to the Centre Family, and Sis. Rachel
" Russell, moves to the G. O. to take her place as Elder Sister. Sis. Clymenia Miner and two girls by the name of Wicks, moved to the M. F. Mary Shepard, moved to the Centre Family.

Journal.

1862.
May.
8th.

Changes.

" Br. Samuel S. Miner is appointed 2d.
" Elder in the Mill Family, Br. Wm. Dean
" is released. Br. Curtis Cramer is appointed
" 2d. Elder in the Centre Family.
"

"
12." Br. Richard W. Pelham returned
" to Union Village, accompanied by the Min-
" istry.
26." Br. Richard returned to North Union, once
" more to assist financially at the Office.
June "

Visitors.

21- Two distinguished Brethren from the
" East, Viz. Br. Benjamin Gates, of Mt.
" Lebanon, N. Y. and Br. Elijah Myrick
" of Harvard, Mass. called and staid over
" one Sabbath, on their way to Chicago, Ill.
July

Changes.

31." Sis. Lydia Ann Cramer, is appointed
" Elder Sister in the Mill Family, and Sister
" Olispennia Minor ~~Laura Tylor~~ is appointed to live with her. Sis-
" -ter Rhoda Watson moves to the Centre Family.
Sept.
13." Eldress Susannah Sawyer deceased, on
" the 9th. of Sept. 1862. Sis. Permelia Torrey is ap-
" -pointed to take her place, as first in the Ministry
" on the Sisters side of the house. Harriet Shepard
" was appointed to live with her.
" Abigail Russell is appointed Elder
" Sister in the Centre Family.
Oct.
5th. George W. Ingalls, is Drafted into the
" United States Army, but was subsequently clear-
" -ed by the Heads of the War Department, at
" Washington.
"

1863. Journal.

Jan. 7. "
10th. Mill Family
Set off as follows.
" Saw-Mill-Cooper Factory, and
" all the Machinery appertaining thereto. And
" one fifth of all the landed property, and one
" fourth of all the movable property &c.-One
" fifth of 14,00 Acres, would be 2,80 Acres,
" including their proportion of Wood Land-
"

Change of Members.

"
13th. Curtis Cramer is appointed to live
" with Elder Freeman Phillips, as second
" Elder in the Mill Family, and take charge
" of the Saw-Mill.
" Samuel S. Miner, is appointed Care
" taker of boys in the Centre Family-
"
" Jacob Walker is appointed to live
" with Elder Sewel G. Thayer, as second
May in the Elders lot, at the East House.
"
13th " Riley Honey is appointed first
" Trustee again, in place of Richard W.
" Pelham, being released.
August
17th. Richard W. Pelham is appointed to
" live with Elder John P. Root, as second in
" the Ministry at N. U.
"
29th. Rachel Russell is appointed Elder
" Sister in the Centre Family. Abigail Rus-
" -sell is released.
Sept.
3d. Curtis Cramer is duly appointed
Trustee at the Office. Centre Family-

1863. Record.

Sept. 3d. George W. Ingalls was duely appointed Elder
" and Trustee in the Mill Mill Family.—

" 11th. John Pilot was appointed 2d. Elder in
" the Centre Family.

" 26th. Charles Taylor was appointed 2d. Elder
" in the East Family.

" Oct. 13th. Henry Rickert withdrew from the
" Society at N. U.

Changes.

1864.

" The Ministry at N. U. being dissolved, officially, by the Ministry from Union Village, the following appointments and changes were made.

July 3d. John P. Root was appointed first Elder in the Centre Family.

" 3d. James S. Prescott, was appointed first Elder in the Gathering Order.

" Sewel G. Thayer was appointed 2d. Elder in the Centre Family.

" E. Permelia Torrey moved to the Nurse-Room. Harriet Shepard moved to the Office, to live with Candace Russell.

April 20th. E. Richard W. Pelham returned to Union Village— being officially called home.

May 17th. The Union Village Ministry arrived at North Union, on their way to Mount Lebanon, N. Y.

June 20th. The Ministry returned to Union Village. O.

Note Concerning Joseph Montgomery see page 131.

1866. # Journal.

Nov: ## Changes.

"
" Lesetta Walker was appointed to live at
" the Office.
" Mary Sheppard was appointed as second
" in the Elders Lot in the Centre Family.
"
10." Laura Houghton was appointed second
" in the Elders Lot at the G. O. or East House.
1867.
Feb. 12.th" James S. Prescott, left for Chicago
12." Ill. in quest of Daniel N. Baird, who
" went on business, but not heard from so as to
" give general, satisfaction.
"
" We bought 3 tons of broom corn at
" $. 150," per ton. - Freight was $. 15, 20 cts.
" per ton. Distance 326 miles from Cleve
" land, Ohio - Toledo 112 miles. - Chicago is
" 234 miles from Toledo.
" th.
20." Returned on the 20th. from Chicago,
" and found Daniel Not well.
J. S. P.
Jan.
25th. Samuel S. Miner, was appointed to
" live at the Office, and officiate as Trustee.
" Curtis Cramer is released, by the authority
" of the Ministry of U. V. through Elder Wm. Reynolds*
April *(The above is all wrong in date it should be 1871)
24.th" John Norton returned to North Union.
Aug.
17." The Elders from Groveland Society N. Y.
" consisting of Elder Peter Long, Chancy Sears,
" E. Polly Ann Smith, and Charlotte Fryzine,
" arrived at North Union, on a visit.
" We had been notified of their coming by
" letter and were prepared.

1867 Record.

Aug.
18th. Sabbath Day. Our public meeting to day
" was largely attended, in which we invited the Elders
" from Groveland to participate, and to take an active
" part, which invitation they cordially accepted.
" The day was fine and the house was crowd-
" ed it being the alternate Sabbath, appointed to
" meet with the Spiritualists, from Cleveland
" which drew together a crowd of spectators from both
" city and country.
" Chancy Sears spoke, giving the main
" discourse, and was somewhat lengthy and te-
" dious, and with no good effect. It proved an
" entire failure on the part of Believers. He was
" opposed by one Dr. B. M. Laurence, of Bos-
" ton, Mass. a sensual materialist, of the rank-
" est kind. The meeting ended, finally in an
" unpleasant controversy, disorder, and confu-
Oct. sion.

Ministry.

8th. " The Ministry from Union Village, arrived
" at N. U. again, on their usual fall visit.
"
"

Changes.

"
23d. Melenda Russell was appointed first Elder
" Sister in the East Family. Abigail Russell, was
" appointed to live with her as second in the lot.
"
24." George W. Ingalls, was appointed acting
" Trustee in the Center Family.
"
" Samuel S. Miner was appointed
" first Elder in the Mill Family.
"
" The Ministry returned home to Union
" Village, Warren County, Ohio.

1867. Record.

Oct. 24th" Covenant.

" 26th. These changes made from time to time are
" according to circumstances, and are in strict ac-
" cordance with the provisions made in the Cove-
" -nant of the Church, and ratified by its members,
" however crossing it may be to individuals.
" It is a duty imposed by that instrument
" on the Ministry and Elders, and they cannot escape
" it if they would. They do not do it to cross any one
" unnecessarily, but for the good of the body at large
" over which they are called to preside, and it ought
" to be so considered.

Nov.
21." - E. Amos Parkhurst, and Elder Richard
" W. Pelham, called at N. U. on their return
" from visiting some of the Eastern Societies of
" Believers. They tarried with us over one Sab-
" bath, and ministed much good.
"
24." The Elders returned home to Union
" Village. Ohio.)

1868. Rodney Russell moved to the Mill Family
Jan. at N. U. Nov 9th. 1867.
4th. Benjamin Gates of Mount Lebanon,
" N. Y. called and staid a couple of days.-
Feb
17." Rodney Russell fell and broke his
" ribs on the Stone steps, at the Mill Family.
May
7." The Elders of the Center Family visited
" Mount Lebanon, N. Y. via. of Groveland.
" Livingston County, &c.
June,
3d. The Elders returned from their eastern tour
" consisting of E. Pomeroy, Br. Samuel, E. Rachel, and
E. Abigail

1868.

Record

June

Visitors.

17." James Darrow, Timothy Bunnell, Amy Slater, Nancy Coughran, Polly Taylor, Charlotte Parkhurst arrived at N. U. on a visit, from Union Village.

21." Benjamin Gates of Mt. Lebanon, N. Y. also, arrived. He tarried only one day.

24." The southern visitors returned home to day, well pleased with their visit at North Union

August.

Ministries.

4." We were favored with meeting with two Ministries here to day viz. An eastern an southern as follows. - 1.st Mount Lebanon. N. Y.

" Elder Daniel Boler. -
" " Giles B. Avery. "
" Eldress Betsey Bates, "
" " Eliza Ann Taylor, "

2d. Union Village. Ohio.
" Elder Amos Parkhurst. - "
" " William Reynolds. "
" Eldress Sally Sharp. - "
" " Naomi Lagier. - "

11." The Eastern Ministry leave for Mt. Lebanon to day via. of Groveland.

20." The Southern Ministry return home to Union Village to day.

Curtis Cramer was appointed to live at the Office again, as acting Trustee.

29." James Goodwin, of Mt. Lebanon called

Record.

1868.
August.
29." on us on his way home from Toledo, and we
" were very glad to entertain him.

1869.
Jan. 19." *Changes.*
"
19." James S. Prescott, was appointed, second
" Elder in the Centre Family to live with Elder
" Pomeroy Root, again, for the fifth and last
" time.
" Sewel G. Thayer was appointed to take
" his place, as first Elder in the Gathering-
Feb.} Order.
15." Samuel S. Miner was appointed
" second Elder in the Gathering Order, to live
" with Elder Sewel G. Thayer.
"
" Joseph Montgomery, moved over to the
" boys house, in the east chamber.

June.
15." The Ministry from Union Village arrived
" at N. U. on their annual visit, expecting to tarry
" with us three or four weeks.
"
28." The Ministry brethren, started for Mt.
" Lebanon, N. Y. viz. Elder Amos Parkhurst,
" and Elder Wm Reynolds.
"
30." A company from Groveland Society visited N. U. viz. Henry Cantrel, Sophronia
" Dole, and Harriet Warren.

July. "*Social Gathering.*"
2d. A company held a "*pic-nic*" on the Lake
" Shore, consisting of representatives from three
" Societies of Believers, viz. the Ministry Sisters, of
" U. V. the Groveland visitors, and the Brethren and
" Sisters from N. U. It was a change of scenery,
" —enjoyed by all present. J. S. P.

1869. Record.

July
3d. The Ministry Brethren returned from
" Water-Vliet, N. Y. leaving no occasion to go any further.
" They were accompanied by Charles J. Porter - a German -
" age 55 years.
"
5." The visitors from Groveland returned home.
"
7." The Ministry returned to Union Village.
"

Changes.

"
24." Prudence Sawyer is appointed Elder Sister
" in the Gathering Order. Abigail Russell remains
" as second in the Lot. Melenda Russell moved
" to the Centre Family.
Aug.
4." Benjamin Gates called and staid
" over night.
"
11." The Ministry from Kentucky,
" arrived at N. U. viz. Ages.
" Elder Harvey L. Eades, Born April 28." 1807.
" " Benjamin Dunlavy, " Jan. 23." 1805.
" Eldress Paulina Bryant, " Feb. 10." 1808.
" " Betsey Smith, " Aug. 13" 1813.
"
27." Elder Henry Bear, from White-
" Water Society, called and staid over one
" Sabbath, at N. U. on his way to Mt. Lebanon.
Sept."

Visitors.

14." A company of visitors from Water-Vliet, Ohio,
" arrived at N. U. viz. Elder Mathew B. Carter,
" August — a German Brother, Hester Frost,
" Mary Adams, Mary Mc'Bride, Emily
" Adams, Mariah Kripe, and Mary Ann
" Stanberry, eight in all - to us, we made them
" welcome guests. -

1869.

Record.

Sept. 20."

Lake Excursion.

" 20." The visitors went on board a Steam Boat to
" Detroit, Mich. accompanied by some of the Brethren
" and Sisters, from N. U. viz. Elder John P. Root,
" Samuel S. Miner, Cornelius Bush, Sylvester Brewer,
" Eldress Rachel Russell, Mary Shepard, Eldress
" Lydia Ann Cramer, Clymenia Miner, Elmina
" Phillips, Sylvia Tyler, Levetta Walker, Temperance
" Devin, Susan Miner, Harriet Snyder, Martha
" Brummett, Abigail Russell, and George W. Ingalls,
" and eight visitors. - Total, 25. at $. 5, per head -
" amounting to $. 115, 00. Deducting the fare of two individuals,
" under a previous engagement. This bill
" was footed by Elder Mathew B. Carter.
Oct.
24." Riley J. Honey was appointed to live
" at the Office again.
Nov.
16." Charles Taylor moved to the East-House
"
" Sylvester Brewer was appointed Farm-
" " Deacon.

Visitors.

"
17." Elder Oliver C. Hampton, Elder
" Charles Clapp, Eldress Elizabeth Fair,
" Eldress Emily Hampton, and Susannah
" Brady arrived at N. U. on their return from
" the East, and staid over one Sabbath.
"
22." The visitors returned to Union Village. Ohio.

1870.

Jan. 9th. Chancy E. Sears from Groveland, N. Y.
" came again and staid over one Sabbath. He
" was out on business of a secular nature, and
" of course could not do as he would.

1870.

Record.

May 5." The Ministry Brethren from the two Societies
" " in the State of Maine arrived at N. U. viz.
5. Elder Otis Sawyer of West Gloucester, and Elder
" John B. Vance of Alfred. They were seeking a
" new location in the west, but could find none
" that suited. But this loss was made up to them
" in a general visit as far as Kentucky.
" Their ages were as follows.
" Elder Otis was 55 years old on the 2 d. of May, 1870.
" 1870. Elder John B. Vance was 37 years old, on the
" 9th. of May 1870.
"
9." Ezra Leggett of Union Village, Ohio, arrived at
" N. U. on his way to Mount Lebanon, N. Y. and from
" thence to Washington in union with Benjamin
" Gates, on Congressional business.
" "
31." The Ministry of Union Village arrived
" at N. U. on their way to Mount Lebanon.
June.
7." The Ministry leave for Mt. Lebanon.
July.
5." They return to N. U. July 5." expecting
" to tarry 2 weeks.

Changes.

" "
19." Lesettee Walker, is appointed to live with
" Eldress Prudence Sawyer, as second in the Elders
" lot at the East-House.
"
" Abigail Russell is appointed Family
" Deaconess, in the Centre Family.
"
" Samuel S. Miner moved from the East-
" House to the Centre Family.
Sept.
26." Freeman Phillips, is appointed Caretaker of the boys.

1870. Record.

Indians.

Sept. 27." James S. Prescott, went on an Indian mission, among the Tuscaroras Tribe, located about 7 miles from Niagara Falls. N. Y. He held one meeting with them on the Sabbath, in their Meeting House, built by the Presbyterian Missionaries. Large and Commodious.- He put up with the Chief, whose name was John Mount Pleasant.

While there he had an interview with E. S. Parker, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, appointed by the U. S. Government, who is himself an educated Indian, and Brother to the wife of the Chief, with whom he was stopping.

On his return to Washington, he sent him a Book, of his, of 619 pages, containing full Reports of Commissioners, of Indian Affairs. From this Book, he learned more about the Indians, than from all other sources combined. Ely S. Parker, was a particular favorite of Gen. Grant, during the rebellion & said to be one of his "aids."

Oct. 24." James M. Peebles, and Mr. Thacker, the Conductor of the Cleveland "Lyceum", came out, and staid over night- attended our evening meeting.

They propose calling a "Convention," to be held in Cleveland, in January next- inviting the "Shakers" to attend.

Dec. 10." Frederick Heaton, moved from the East House, and appointed Caretaker of the boys in the Center Family.

Freeman Phillips, is released from the boys, on account of old age.

1871.

Record.

Jan.

Convention.

7." This "Convention" was called by the Spirit-
" -ual Association in Cleveland. It was held in
" "Lyceum Hall," called "Hallee's Hall," on Su-
" perior Street. It consisted of representatives, or
" Elders from six Societies of Believers. Viz.
" Elder F. W. Evans, of Mt. Lebanon, N.Y.
" Elder G. A. Lomas, of Water Vliet, N.Y.
" Elder Wm. Reynolds of Union Village, Ohio
" Elder O. C. Hampton, Union Village Ohio
" Elder Chauncy E. Sears of Groveland, N.Y.
" Elder Ephraim Frost, of Water Vliet, Ohio
" Elder J. S. Prescott, of North Union, Ohio
" Two from U. V.

" The "Convention" was organized by choosing
" J. M. Peebles, Chairman, and G. A. Lomas,
" Clerk. It continued two Days and two Evenings-
" The Hall was beautifully decorated with Ever-
" -Greens, and Mottoes, in real Christmass style-
" The Hall was crowded, literally packed-
" The opening Address was made by Elder J. S.
" Prescott, being introduced by the Chairman,
" followed by Elder Oliver C. Hampton,-
" A strong band of singers of Brethren and
" Sisters were in attendance from North Union-
Sab. 8." The main Speaker of the occasion was
8." Elder F. W. Evans, of Mount Lebanon,
" His discourses were ably reported in the
" "Cleveland Herald," and "Leader," and early
" copies sent to the Eastern Societies of Believers-
" and to the southern.
" The closing Address was made by Elder
" Wm. Reynolds. The Convention was, said
" to be one of the best, ever held in Cleveland-leaving
" a good impression, and the best moral influence.
" J. M. Peebles, presided with his usual dignity & grace.

Record.

1871.

June 7." The Ministry from U. V. arrived at N. U.

Changes.

" 22." James S. Prescott, is appointed first Elder in the Mill Family. George W. Ingalls remains as second in the lot.

" John Pilot, - is appointed second Elder in the Centre Family - Elder Pomeroy remains first in the lot.

" 26." The Ministry returned to U. V.

Aug. 31." The "Cleveland Lyceum," came out to hold a Pic-Nic in our Hemlock Grove, but on account of a shower of rain, they held it in the Dwelling House, at the Mill Family - by consent.

Nov. 7." Elder Wm. Reynolds arrived at N. U.

" 13." Jas. S. Prescott, and Geo. W. Ingalls, went on a special mission, to Berlin Heights, Erie County, Ohio.

" 19." John P. Root, was appointed "Trustee," again, for the time being.

" 23." Elder Wm. Reynolds, returned to Union Village.

1872.

Jan. 10." 10." Jas. S. Prescott, and Geo. W. Ingalls, went to Farmington, Trumbull Co. Ohio on a mission, distance, 43 miles from Cleveland, and 36 from North Union.

Feb. 26." "J. C. Thacher, Conductor of the Cleveland "Lyceum," came out to the Mill Family and staid over night.

1872.

Record.

May. The Ministry from Union Village O.
16." arrived on the 16" inst. and left for Mount Leb-
" -anon on the 28" inst.

Changes.

"
30." Lydia Ann Cramer, was appointed
" first Elder Sister in the Gathering Order.
" Prudence Sawyer, appointed first Elder Sister in
" the Mill Family.

A Meeting.

31." A company of brethren and sisters went
" to West Farmington, Trumbull County, Ohio,
" to hold a two days meeting with the Spiritualists
" in which J. M. Peebles presided.
" We put up with E. F. Curtis.

June.
30." Benjamin Gates from Mount Leba-
" -non called and spent the Sabbath with us.

A Meeting.

"July
5."
6." A company of brethren and and Sisters
7." went and held another meeting with the
" Spiritualists, in Kelloggsville, and Munroe
" Centre, in Ashtabula County, Ohio. In
" which J. M. Peebles presided.

August.
18." John M. Spear visited North Union,
" and spent the Sabbath with us, and spoke in
" our public meeting. In the evening he attended
" prayer meeting in the Mill Family, and led
" in vocal prayer.

Visitors.

Aug.
28." Benjamin Shannon, Gaustavus Thomas
" Ellura Dewit, Mary Middleton, Joanna Des-
" mond, Susanna Harmston, Caroline Crane
" Julia O. Connell, came on a visit.

1872.

Record.

Sept. 23." Elder Wm. Reynolds, arrived at N. U.

Changes.

" John Pilot was appointed Elder in the East Family.

" Samuel S. Miner was appointed second Elder in the Centre Family.

" The Gathering Order was changed to the Mill Family.

Oct. 8." Elder Wm. Reynolds, returned to U. V.

A Visit.

15." James S. Prescott, John Pilot, Lydia Ann Cramer, Clymenia Miner, Mary Shepard, Elmina Phillips, and Martha Brunnett visited three Societies of Believers in Southern Ohio, viz. Union Village, Water Vliet, and White-Water, and returned home via Cincinnati.

Dec. 14." Henry Hartley, withdrew.

21." Mathew B. Carter of White Water Village Ohio, called at N. U. and, staid over one Sabbath, and left on the 24 inst.

1873.

June 17." The Ministry arrived from Union Village, Ohio.

July 1." Henry C. Blinn of Canterbury, N. H. called and, staid over one Sabbath.

Dec. 15." Elder Amos Parkhurst, and Elder Stephen Ball returned home, after staying about a week.

1874.

Record

January

19." Galen Richmond from Water-Vliet
" N. Y. called and tarried over one Sabbath
" and attended Church meeting.
"

Convention

Feb.

15." By invitation a company of brethren
" and sisters went to Cleveland and held a "Con-
" vention" with the "Spiritualists", in Halle's Hall
" on Superior Street; in which J. M. Peebles
presided.

Temperanc Meeting

May

" 28." A company of Brethren and Sisters
" attended a temperance meeting, held in
" the first Presbyterian Church in Cleveland,
" and were seated right before the pulpit to hear
Mother Stewart lecture, by request of Wm. E.
July Preston.

29." The Ministry arrived at N. U.

August

12." John P. Root, was appointed
" first Elder in the East-Family.
"
" Sewel G. Thayer, was appointed
" first Elder in Centre Family.
"
" Lydia Ann Cramer, was appointed
" first Elder Sister in the Mill-Family.
"
" Lesettee Walker was appointed first
" Elder Sister in the East-Family.
"

19." The Ministry returned to Union
" Village, having tarried over three Sabbaths.
"
"

Record

1874.
Sept.
29." Elder Wm. Reynolds visited N. U.
" and, staid about 5 days, and returned to
Oct. Union Village.
Dec.
24." Elder Amos Parkhurst visited N. U.
made a short visit, and returned to U. V.
1875.
Jan. 2d. Benjamin Gates called and staid
" over one Sabbath, on his way to Pittsburg,
" Penn.
26. Elder Solomon Rankin of
" South Union, Kentucky, called on us, on
" his way home from visiting some of the Eastern Societies. His age is 78 years.
Feb.
10." J. M. Peebles, came out and
" made a short visit at the Mill Family.
13." James S. Prescott and Geo. W.
" Ingalls, attended a meeting at the Town
" Hall in New-burgh, with the Spiritualists
14. and with Br. Peebles.
Sab. J. M. Peebles lectured at the
" Center Family in the forenoon, in the
" afternoon, at the Temperance Hall, in
" Cleveland. A company of Brethren &
" Sisters from N. U. were in attendance.
March.
2d. **Fire** at Mount Lebanon,
" N. Y.
" Centre Family - Loss estimated,
" at $.50,000 dollars. No Insurance.
May. ✗ See page 127 - According to date. - May 27"-
19." Elder Wm. Reynolds, made another
" visit at N. U. and returned home to U. V. - on
31." Monday the 31st inst.
"

1875.

Record.

August 2d. Elder Giles B. Avery, of Mount Lebanon, called and made a short visit, and left for home this morning, via of Groveland.

" 8."

Changes.

Samuel S. Miner was appointed first Elder in the Mill Family.

Mary Shepard was appointed to live at the Office, as one of the Deaconesses.

Temperance Devan was appointed second Elder Sister in the Centre Family.

Trustees.

August 8." Riley Honey is released from being Trustee, on account of deafness and inability to fill the place; and two younger Brethren were duly appointed by the Ministry of Union Village, through Elder Wm. Reynolds, in union with the Elders of North-Union, and with the general approbation of the members, viz. George W. Ingalls, and Samuel S. Miner, were duly appointed, ratified, and confirmed legal Trustees of the Church and Society, of North-Union, according to the Church Covenant.

August

Legal Trustees.

As they now stand.

12."

Legal { James S. Prescott,
George W. Ingalls,
Samuel S. Miner. } Trustees.

The Ministry returned to Union Village, Warren County, Ohio.

Record.

1875.

Sept. 4." James S. Prescott, attended a Convention at Cincinnati, in company, with Elder Frederick W. Evans, of Mount Lebanon, N. Y. This meeting was called by Horace H. Day, of New-York City, with the expectation of changing the civil government of the United States, but proved a signal failure.

May. 19." Elder Wm. Reynolds arrived at N. U.

27." James S. Prescott, was appointed *first* Elder in the Centre Family. Sewel G. Thayer is released. ✕ See page 125 - bottom according to date -

George W. Ingalls, was appointed acting Trustee at the Office, Frederick Heaton is released.

Oct. 2d. George B. Emery, from White-Water Village, of Believers, Hamilton County, Ohio, called and made a short visit.

3d. Sanford Russell, from South Union, Ky. called and staid over the Sabbath. Likewise George B. Emery.

6." Moses Eastwood, from Water-Vliet, Ohio, gave us a call, on his return from the East - made a short visit.

13." John Collier, from London, England, called and gave us a *Lecture* on the subject of waiting God's time. He is a "*Spiritualist*."

Dec. 19." Benjamin Gates, of Mount Lebanon, N. Y. is with us again, and we are glad of it, every time.

1876.

Record.

Jan. 6." We rented the upper Pond to a man
6." by the name of Bard, of East Cleveland, whereby
he put up an

Ice House.

The dimensions of which are as follows:
-posts 18 feet - 30 feet wide - and 50 feet long-
capable of holding 650 tons of *ice*. -

22." George W. Ingalls, returned from
Union Village, having been gone one week-
in taking some cattle from N. U. there, in consequence of a disasterous fire at U. V.

June.
20." The Ministry from U. V. arrived at N. U.
on their annual visit.

Changes.

July
4." Samuel S. Miner was appointed
second Elder in the Centre Family.

6." Lesettee Walker was appointed *first*
Elder Sister in the Centre Family.

Rachel Russell was appointed *first*
Elder Sister in the East- Family.

Clymenia Miner was appointed
second Elder Sister in the Centre Family.

August.
9." The Ministry from Mount Lebanon
arrived at North Union, on their way to Union
Village. They only tarried over one Sabbath.
or, about 3 days.

Pioneer Meeting.

A company of Brethren and Sisters accepted

1876. Record.

Aug. an invitation to attend a "Pioneer Meeting" in
30." North Solon, Cuyahoga County, Ohio. in
" which there were about 3000 people present.
" Hon. R. C. Parsons, Judge Starkweather's
" son in law of Cleveland, was the Chief
" speaker on the occasion.

Sept.
19." George B. Emery of White Water
" Village, called and made a short visit at
" our place.

Oct. 9." James S. Prescott, visited Boston
9." and Lowell, Mass. - By special invitation
" of his Brother, William A. Prescott, of Boston,
" who sent him money, and paid his
" fare both ways.‡ He was gone about 12 day
" He was invited to go to the "Centennial"
" free of expense, but, respectfully declined
" going, for reasons best known to himself. -

‡ The Fare & expenses amounted to $. 50.00

Nov.
16." Elder Wm. Reynolds, made his usual
" fall visit at North - Union. - Returned home
27." on the 27th.

Obituary.

Dec.
18."
" In 54 years there have been 105
" deaths at North Union, 54 males, and 51
" females, 29 of the latter died with the consumption.
" The average ages were about
" 51 years. The average number of deaths in a
year, were about 2 deaths in a year.

1877.

March 7." Elder Wm. Reynolds visited
7." North Union again, and returned on the
12." of March 1877.

"June 14."
14." The Ministry of U. V. visited N. U. again.

Record.

1877 June 28. Harriet Sneider, was appointed second Elder Sister in the East-Family.

July 11. The Ministry returned home to Union Village, having tarried with us over four Sabbaths.

Oct. 19. Elder Wm. Reynolds arrived at N. U.

28.

Changes.

Samuel S. Miner, was appointed first Elder in the Centre Family, James S. Prescott, is released, on account of ill health and old age. This change was made by the Ministry of Union Village, through Elder Wm. Reynolds, and sanctioned by the general approbation and union of the Church, at N. U. and agreeably to the Church Covenant. (also at the same [illegible]

(Dec. 24. Richard Fletcher, a very promising young Believer, from Groveland, N. Y. is with us on a visit, expecting to stay a couple of weeks. He is about 25 years of age. –

Oct. 28. John Norton was appointed Farm Deacon,

1878.

Jan. 21. Joseph Montgomery was admitted into the Society at N. U. at the G. O. Oct. 9. 1865, and should have been entered on the 110. page of this Record, according to the date of his coming.

Although he never signed the Church "Covenant," yet, he brought in $. 2,574,00 at different times and gave it all up, for the benefit of the Church and Society at North-Union, to which he has a right to claim as his home, so long as he keeps the Order. J. S. P.

1878.

Record.

March, 13th "

A Present. of

13. $. 200,00

" Received from the Church of
" Mount Lebanon, N. Y. through their
" worthy and honored representative, Trustee,
" Br. Benjamin Gates, the sum of two
" hundred Dollars, as a Present, to James
" S. Prescott, for the Society at North Union,
" in remembrance of what we contributed to
" aid them to rebuild, when they suffered
" that immense loss, by fire, in being burned
" out, a few years ago.

April.
16."

Ministry.

" The Ministry of Union Village arrived
" at North Union on Tuesday the 16th inst.
" on their way to Mt. Lebanon, N. Y.

" th.
28. "

Changes.

Sab. Br. George W. Ingalls, is appointed to
" live with Elder Samuel S. Miner, as second
" in the Elders lot, and likewise to take the
" Farm Deaconing, or, the general oversight of
" it, and John Norton is released.
" Harriet Snyder is appointed to live
" with Eldress Rachel, as second in the
" Elders lot, at the East House.
" Abigail Russell, is appointed to live
" with Candace Russell, as an associate Dea-
" coness at the Office.
" Eldress Lesettie Walker is appointed to
" take the oversight, as - Family Deaconess, or,
" act in that capacity, for the time being.

" th.
29. The Ministry left N. U. for Mt. Lebanon, P. M. Train.

1821.

Record.

The following is taken from the "Family Journal"- it being as correct as could be expected from the imperfect manner in which the journal was kept.

Origin &c.

A Synopsis of the Origin of the Society at North Union- Its Rise and Progress; Its Changes of Ministry, Elders, and Trustees in each Family, From 1822 up to 1879.

1821. Oct. In October 1821, Ralph Russell, of Warrensville, Cuyahoga County, Ohio. visited the United Society of Believers commonly called Shakers, at Union Village Warren County, Ohio, and united himself to that Society- soon after returned home to his family in Warrensville, expecting to move his family in the Spring.

1822. 25- March 25 On the 25th. of March 1822, Richard W. Pelham, and James Hodge visited Ralph at his home in Warrensville, and opened the testimony for the first time, advising him not to move his family, but to wait for further developments, after which they returned to Union Village.

Out of this small beginning originated the Society of North Union. They immediately commenced building log cabbins and preparing for a new Society.

Sept. In Sept. 1822, another visit was made from Union Village, consisting of the following named Elders. viz. Richard Mc Nemar, James Hodge, Richard W. Pelham, Anna Boyd, and Betsey Dunlavy. Public testimony was opened and began to take effect.-

Record.

" In the absence of the Elders from Union-
" Village, Ralph Russell, was appointed to offici-
" -ate as Elder in their stead.

1823.

On the 15th. of Feb. 1823, Richard Mc
March Nemar and Charles Hampton from U. V.
7th visited Ralph and his little company, &
" " returned March 7th. - At this time none of
" " the Elders ware stationary.

June.

" " In June 1823, Mathew Houston,
" " Richard W. Pelham, Charlotte Morrill,
" " and Betsey Dunlavy made a visit and re-
" " -turned to Union Village in July following.

Dec.

" " In December, David Spinning and Jas.
" " Hodge, made a visit and ministered in word and
" " deed.

" " In January 1824, David Spinning
" " returned home to Union Village, James-
" " Hodge returned home sometime in March fol-
" " lowing.

1824. In June 1824, Mathew Houston,
" " Richard W. Pelham, and Thankful Stew
June art made a short visit and ministered much
" " good to the little branch, and returned home
" " to Union Village, leaving Ralph still in the
" " lead, in their absence.

August. In August 1824, James Darrow and
" " John Watts, made a short visit, and returned
30 home on the 30th. of August.

" "

Sept. On the 12th. of Sept. 1824, Issacher Bates,
12" - James Mc Nemar, Melinda Watts, and Susan-
" " -nah Stout, came and made a visit and returned
" " home on the 28th.
" "

Record.

1825.

March 15th. On the 15th of March 1825, Mathew Houston and Richard W. Pelham returned to Union-Village.

June 16th. On the 16th of June 1825, Mathew Houston, Richard W. Pelham, Charlotte Morrell, and Thankful Stewart arrived from Union Village on a visit.

July 15th. July 15th John P. Root, was appointed farm Deacon.

Sept. 15th. On the 17th of Sept. 1825 the Elders returned home to Union Village, having staid three months.-

Dec. 17th. On the 9th of Dec. Mathew Houston and Charles Hampton, made a short visit.

1826.

May 25th. On the 25th of May 1826, Ashbel Kitchell, James McNemar, Lois Spinning and Thankful Stewart, arrived, and were designed to become Stationary Elders.

Dec. In December 1826, James McNemar was released and retained at Union Village, Rufus Davis was sent to fill the vacancy. This was an unfortunate exchange for N. U.

1827.

Centre Family.

Sept. In Sept. 1827, the Centre Family was first organized, taken from the Cabbin Family. In the absence of the Elders from Union Village, James S. Prescott, and Mary Russell, were appointed as Elders, to officiate in their stead. - Ralph Russell had withdrawn from the Society. Samuel Russell, Chester Risley, Prudence Sawyer, and Eunice Russell, were the Elders in the Cabbin Family.

1828.

Record.

Sept. 22d.

Centre Family

Changes &c.

Covenant.- Signed.

On the 22d. of Sept. 1828, the first Covenant was signed, numbering 16. Brethren and 20 Sisters. These formed the Church - in all 36 persons. Called the Centre Family. - The most of whom remained faithful to their Covenant vows to the end of their days, and some few of whom are still living. - 1879.

Organization.

Ashbel Kitchell,	Elders	Lois Spinning,
Rufus Davis.	U. V.	Thankful Stewart.

Trustees.

Return Russell,	Trustees.	Lydia Russell,
Elisha Russell,	N. U.	" "
John P. Root,		Huldah Russell.

1829. Nov. 4th. On the 4th. of November 1829, Thankful Stewart was called home to Union Village on account of ill health, and soon after died - greatly beloved by all who knew her - Susannah Stout was appointed to fill her place.

1831. Sept. 30. On the 30th. of Sept. 1831. Ashbel Kitchell, was called home to Union Village, and released. - Mathew Houston was sent to fill the vacancy. -

1831.

Record.

Dec. 30." On the 31" of December 1831, the Elders from Union Village were set apart for the Ministry at North Union. Consequently, Elders were appointed, taken from the body, as follows.-

Centre Family.

Chester Risley. Samuel Russell.	Elders.	Rhoda Watson, Mary Russell.

1832.

Oct. 24." On the 24 of Oct. 1832, David Spinning was appointed to assist Elder Mathew Houston, in the work of the Ministry. Rufus Davis remained nominal - or neutral.

1833.

June 9." On the 9th of June, 1833, John P. Root and Oliver Wheeler were appointed Elders in the Centre Family.

On the 15" of June 1833, Mathew - Houston was called home, likewise, Lois Spinning and Susannah Stout; and were released.

July In July following Lucy Faith, and Viney Mc Nemar were appointed to fill the vacancy in the Ministry at N. U.

1834. On the 9th of April 1834, Rufus Davis withdrew from the Society.

May 25." On the 25" of May 1834, Richard W. Pelham was appointed to fill the vacancy occasioned by the fall of Rufus Davis.

1835.

May 21." On the 21" of May 1835, Huldah and Esther Russell, were appointed Elder Sisters in the Centre Family.

1836.

Oct. 3d. On the 3d. of Oct. 1836, Esther Russell, and Polly Torrey were appointed Elder Sisters, in the Centre Family.-

1836. Record.

" " Centre Family.

" "
1837.
" " On the 13th. of March 1837, Polly Torrey
March and Susannah Sawyer, were appointed Elder Sis-
13" -ters of the Centre Family, occasioned by the death
" " of Esther Russell.
" "
1840. On the 15th. of Sept. 1840, Chester Risley
" " and Daniel Bennett. - Susannah Sawyer,
Sept. and Permelia Torrey, were appointed Elders
15" in the Center Family. On the 10th. of Jan. 1841,
" " John P. Root, was appointed first Elder in the Center Family.
1841. On the 16th. of August 1841, James S. Pres-
" " -cott, was appointed second Elder in the Centre -
Aug." Family.
16- On the 20th. of October 1845, Rachel
1845. Russell, was appointed first Elder Sister in the
Oct. 20 Centre Family.
1847. On the 11th. of January 1847, Jeremiah
Jan. Ingalls was appointed second Elder in the Centre
11." Family.
1849. On the 11th. of August 1849, James S.
" " Prescott, was appointed second Elder in the
Aug. Centre Family, again. Under the same date,
11." Melenda Russell, was appointed second Elder Sister -
" " in the Centre Family.
1851.
" " On the 9th. of January 1851, Harriet Shep-
Jan. -ard, was appointed second Elder Sister in the
9." Centre Family.
1857. On the 31st of January 1857, Sanford Rus-
Jan. -sel, was appointed second Elder in the Centre -
31." Family.
1858. On the 23d. of January 1858, Samuel
Jan. S. Miner, was appointed second Elder in
23." the Centre Family. -
" "

1858.

Record.

Centre Family.

"8" Sept. 4th.

" " Samuel S. Miner, and Nelson Phillips
" " were appointed Elders in the Centre Family, on
" " the 4th. of Sept. 1858.

1859.
April On the 29th. of April, 1859, Hiram Young
29.— and Samuel S. Miner were appointed El-
" " ders in the Centre Family.—

1860. in April " " James S. Prescott, was appointed first Elder, in C. F.—
" " On the 4th. of July 1860, Harriet Shepard,
July and Lydia Ann Cramer, were appointed Elder-
4th.— Sisters in the Centre Family.

1861.
Sept. In Sept. 1861, Caroline Wells was appointed
" " second Elder Sister in the Centre Family.
" "

1862. On the 8th. of May 1862, Curtis Cramer
" " was appointed second Elder in the Centre Family
" "

Sept. On the 13th. of Sept. 1862, Abigail Russell
13.— " was appointed first Elder Sister, in the C. F.
" "

1863. On the 29the of August 1863, Rachel
Aug. Russell was appointed first Elder Sister in the
29." C. F.

Sept. On the 10 of Sept. 1863, John Pilot,
10.— " was appointed second Elder in the C. F.—

1864.
July On the 3d. of July 1864, John P. Root,
3d. and Sewel G. Thayer, wer appointed Elders,
" " in the Centre Family.

1866.
" " In November 1866, Mary Shepard, was
Nov. appointed second Elder Sister in the Centre Family
" "
" "

1869.

" "

Record.

" "

Centre Family.

" "

Jan. 19." On the 19th. of January 1869, James S. Prescott, was appointed second Elder in the Centre Family.

1871. June 22d. On the 22d. of June 1871, John Pilot was appointed second Elder in the C. F.

1872. Sept. 23d. On the 23d. of Sept. 1872, Samuel S. Miner, was appointed second Elder in the C. F.

1874. Aug. 12." On the 12th. of August 1874, Sewel G. Thayer was appointed first Elder in the C. F.

1875. May." 27." On the 27th. of May 1875, James S. Prescott, was appointed first Elder in the Centre Family.

" "

Aug. 18." " " " " On the 18th of August 1875, Temperance Dearn was appointed second Elder Sister in the Centre Family.

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1876. July." 4th." On the 4th. of July 1876, Samuel S. Miner was appointed second Elder in the Centre Family.

" "

July 6th. " " On the 6th. of July 1876, Lesette Walker and Clymenia Miner were appointed Elder Sisters in the Centre Family.

" "

1877. Oct. 28." On the 28th. of Oct. 1877, Samuel S. Miner, was appointed first Elder in the Center Family.

1878. April. 28." On the 28th. of April 1878, George W. Ingalls was appointed second Elder in the Centre Family.

" "

1831.

Record

Ministry.

Dec. 31. On the 31." of December, 1831. the Elders from Union Village were *first* set apart for the *Ministry*, at North Union.

1834. May 25. On the 25th. of May 1834, the Ministry at North Union was fully established. — As follows

David Spinning, } Ministry { Lucy Faith,
Richard W. Pelham. } U.V. { Vincy McNemar.

1837. Nov. 8. On the 8th. of Nov. 1837, Rachel (alias Abigail Russell, was appointed as second in the Ministry, occasioned by the removal of Vincy McNemar.

1840.

Ministry, recalled.

Sept. 14. On the 14th. of Sept. 1840. the *Ministry* from Union Village were recalled, and returned home, having been in care and oversight of this "*little flock*", over six years, during which time they the society had grown and prospered, and had become a self-sustaining community.

New Ministry formed.

Samuel Russell, } New Ministry { Polly Torrey,
" " " } N. U. { Rachel Russell.

Jeremiah Ingalls, was appointed second in the Ministry, but was not recognized by the body at large, on account of his not being a covenant member, but, an insolvent debtor to the world; consequently, his appointment would be unconstitutional, to say the least. — null and void. —

1842. June 13th. On the 13th. of June 1842, Riley Honey was appointed to fill the vacancy. —

Record.

Ministry.

1845. Oct. 20. On the 20th. of Oct. 1845, Susannah Sawyer was appointed second in the Ministry occasioned by the removal of Rachel Russell.

1848. July 9. On the 9th. of July 1848, Oliver Wheeler was appointed second in the Ministry on the removal of Riley Honey.

1849. Aug. 11. On the 11th. of August 1849, Adeline Russell, was appointed first in the Ministry on the Sisters side.

1850. Dec. 24. On the 24th. of Dec. 1850, Nelson Phillips was appointed second in the Ministry, occasioned by the death of Oliver Wheeler.

New Ministry formed.

1858. Sept. 4th. On the 4th. of Sept. 1858 a new Ministry was formed, as follows.

John P. Root, } New { Susannah Sawyer,
Riley Honey } Ministry. { Permelia Torrey.

1862. Sept. 13. On the 13th. of Sept. 1862, Permelia Torrey, was appointed first, and Harriet Shepard second in the Ministry, occasioned by the death of Susannah Sawyer.

1863. Aug. 19. On the 19th. of August, 1863, Richard W. Pelham was appointed second in the Ministry, occasioned by the removal of Riley Honey.

1864.

Record.

Dissolution of the Ministry.

July 3d. On the 3d. of July 1864, it was announced, that the Ministry at North Union, was officially dissolved, consequently, the Society would hereafter be under the Ministry of Union Village.

1828. Sept.

Office Trustees.

Changes &c.

The Trustees appointed in 1828, continued intact, for several years in succession.

1833. June 9th. On the 9th. of June 1833, Samuel Russell, was appointed Trustee, occasioned by the removal of John P. Root.

1834. Nov. 23d. On the 23d. of November 1834, Riley Honey was appointed Office Trustee, occasioned by the death of Ketearns Russell.

Under the same date we find, also, that Mary Russell, was appointed Office Trustee, or Deaconess.

1840. Sept. 15." On the 15." of Sept. 1840, the Trustees, stood thus.-

Riley Honey, John P. Root.	Office Trustees.	Candace Russell. Caroline Russell.

1841. Jan. 10." On the 10th. of January 1841, Chester Risley, was appointed Office Trustee, occasioned by the removal of John P. Root,

Record.

1841.
Aug.
13. th. On the 13 th. of August 1841, Adeline
" " Russell was appointed Office Deaconess; -
" "
1842. On the 13 th. of June 1842, Elisha
June Russell and Daniel N. Baird were app-
" 13." -ointed Office Trustees.
" "
Oct. " On the 31." of Oct. 1842, Adeline Rus-
31. " -sell and Rhoda Watson, were appointed
" " Office Deaconesses.
" "
1843. On the 31." of July 1843, Lester G.
" " Shepard, was appointed Office Trustee. -
July "
31." - 1845. On the 16 th. of April, 1845, ~~Philo~~ -
1845. Copley was appointed -.- - Office ~~Deacon~~
April ~~ess~~. -
16." - On the 20 th. Oct. 1845, Riley Honey
Oct. , was appointed Office Trustee again.
20.
Dec. On the 3 d. of Dec. 1845, Alma Saw-
3 d. -yer was appointed Office Deaconess.
" "
1846. On the 17 th. of March 1846, Alma
" " -Sawyer and Rhoda Watson were appointed Off-
" " -ce Deaconesses, -
" "
Sept. On the 14 th. of Sept. 1846, Elisha Rus-
14." -sell was appointed Office Trustee again.
" "
1849. On the 15 th. of Oct. 1849. Abigail
" " -Russell was appointed Office Deaconess; -
Oct." On the 15 th. of Oct. 1849, Riley Honey
15." and James S. Prescott, were appointed
" " legal Trustees, to whom the titles of the Re-
" " -al Estate, were about to be transferred from

Record.

" "
" "

Office-Trustees-&c.

1849.
" "
Oct. the legal Trustees of Union Village, to the legal
15." Trustees of North Union.

" "
1850. On the 18th. of June 1850, the legal
" " Trustees of Union Village transferred all
June the legal titles which they held of the "Real-
18." Estate" belonging to North Union, to Riley Hon-
" " -ey and James S. Prescott, legal Trustees of
" " North Union, and their successors in Office,
" " in "Trust," for the benefit of the Church. &c.

" "
1854. On the 7th. of January 1854, Wash-
Jan. -ington Pike, was appointed Office Trustee,
" 7th.

1857. On the 31." of January 1857, Riley
Jan. Honey and Henry Rickert were appoint-
31." Office Trustees.

" "
1863. On the 13th. of May 1863, Riley Hon-
May. -ey was appointed first Trustee again. Acting-
13."

Sept. On the 3d. of Sept. 1863, Curtis Cra-
" 3d. -mer was appointed Office Trustee. Act.

" "
1866. In November 1866, Lesette Walker,
" " was appointed Office Deaconess. -

" "
1853. On the 17th. of January, 1853, Sally Oster-
Jan. -hold was appointed Office Deaconess.
17."

1867. On the 25th. of January 1867, Samuel
" " S. Miner, was appointed Office Trustee; occasion
Jan. -ed by the removal of Curtis Cramer.
25."
" "

Record.

Office Trustees.

1867. Oct. 24. On the 24 of October 1867, G. W. Ingalls was appointed Office Trustee. again

1868. Aug. 20. On the 20th. of August, 1868, Curtis Cramer, was appointed Office Trustee, again.

1869. Oct. 24. On the 24 th of Oct. 1869, Riley Honey was appointed Office Trustee again.

1871. Nov. 19. On the 19 of November 1871, John P. Root, was appointed Office Trustee again.

1875. Aug. 8. On the 8 th. August, 1875, Mary Shepard was appointed Office Deaconess.

1875. May 27. On the 27 th of May 1875, George W. Ingalls, was appointed Office Trustee, again occasioned, by the removal of Frederick Heaton.

1878. April 28. On the 28 th. of April 1878, Abigail Russell, was appointed to assist Candace in the Office; for the time being.

1879. June 13. In consequence of the removal of Riley Honey from the Trusteeship, by reason of old age, in August, 1875, George W. Ingalls, and Samuel S. Miner, were appointed to fill the vacancy.— Standing at the present time thus.— 1879.

James S. Prescott, George W. Ingalls, Samuel S. Miner.	Legal Trustees & Assistant.	Candace Russell, Abigail Russell. Margaret Sedger.

Record.

Mill Family.

1837. Dec. 3d. On the 3d. of December 1837, Elisha Russell and Lydia Russell were appointed Leads, or Heads of the Mill Family.

1843. July 31. On the 31rst. of July 1843, Edward Russell, was appointed second Elder, in the Mill Family.

1844. June 12. On the 12th. of June 1844, Thankful-(alias)-Mary Ann Russell, and Alma Sawyer were appointed Elder Sisters in the Mill-Family.

1845. Jan. 2d. On the 2d. of January 1845, George W.-Ingalls, was appointed second Elder in the Mill Family.

Dec. 3d. On the 3d. of December 1845, Melinda Torrey was appointed second Elder Sister in the Mill Family.

1846. March 17th. On the 17th. of March 1846, Adeline Russell, and Thankful-Alias-Mary Ann Russell, were appointed Elder Sisters in the Mill Family.-

April 29. On the 29th. of April, 1846, Oliver Wheeler was appointed first Elder in the Mill Family.

Sept. 14. On the 14th. of Sept. 1846. Hiram Young and Freeman Phillips, were appointed Elders in the Mill Family.

1849. Aug. 11th. On the 11th. of August, 1849, Permelia-Torrey, and Harriet Shepard were appointed Elder Sisters in the Mill Family.-

1850. April 25th. On the 25th. of April 1850, Hiram Young was appointed second Elder in the Mill Family.-

Record.

Mill Family.

1849. Aug. 11 th. On the 11 th. of Aug. 1849, Jeremiah Ingalls, was appointed first Elder in the Mill Family.

1851. Jan. 9th. On the 9 th. of January 1851, Lydia Russell 2d. was appointed second Elder Sister, in the Mill Family.

1852. Sept. 26. On the 26 th. of Sept. 1852, Chester Riley was appointed first Elder in the Mill Family.

1857. Jan. 31. On the 31. of January, 1857, Hiram Young and Samuel Hurlbut were appointed Elders in the Mill Family.

May. 21. On the 21, of May 1857, Samuel S. Miner, was appointed second Elder in the Mill Family.

1858. Jan. 23d On the 23d. of January 1858, Freeman Phillips, was appointed second Elder in the Mill Family.

Sept. 4. On the 4 th. of Sept. 1858, Lydia Russell 2d. and Mariah Devan, were appointed Elder Sisters in the Mill Family.

1859. May. On the preceding date of the last change, in the month of May, 1859, Rhoda Watson, and Lesettee Walker, were appointed Elder Sisters in the Mill Family.

1860. July. 4 th. On the 4 th. of July, 1860, Mercy Sawyer was appointed second Elder Sister, in the Mill Family.

Record

Mill-Family.

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" "
1862. On the 8th. of May 1862, Samuel S. Mi-
May - ner, was appointed second Elder in the Mill-
" 8th. Family.

" July " On the 31st. of July 1862, Lydia Ann Cra-
31st. " -mer, and Clymenia Miner were appointed El-
" " -der Sisters in the Mill Family.

" "
1863. On the 13th. of June 1863, Curtis Cra-
June - mer was appointed second Elder in the Mill-
13th. Family

Sept. On the 3d. of Sept. 1863, George W. Ingalls,
3d. was appointed first Elder in the Mill Family.-

" "
1867. On the 24th. of October 1867, Samuel
" " S. Miner was appointed first Elder in the
Oct. Mill Family.
24th.

1871. On the 22d. of June 1871, James S.
June Prescott, was appointed first Elder in the Mill
22d. Family.-

" "
1872. On the 30th. of May 1872, Prudence Saw-
May -yer, was appointed first Elder Sister in the
30th. Mill Family

" "
1872. On the 23d. of Sept. 1872, th "Gathering
Sept. Order", was transferred from the East-House
23d. to the Mill Family.

" "
1874. On the 12th. of August 1874, Lydia Ann
Aug. Cramer, was appointed first Elder Sister, in the
12th. Mill Family.

1875. On the 8th. of August, 1875, Samuel S.-
Aug. Miner, was appointed first Elder, in the Mill
" 8th. Family.

Record.

Mill-Family.

1876. July 4th. On the 6th. of July, 1876, Temperance Devan was appointed second Elder Sister in the Mill-Family.

July. 4th.- On the 4, th. of July 1876, Curtis Cramer was appointed first Elder in the Mill Family.-

Subsequently, ~~Watson~~ Error ~~Andrews~~ Error, was appointed to live as an assistant, in the Elders lot, for the time being.

1879. At the present time, 15th. of June, 1879, the lot stands thus.-

Curtis Cramer	Elders, Mill Family.-	Lydia Ann Cramer.
~~Watson~~ Error ~~Andrews.~~ Error		Temperance Devan.

Gathering Order.

1837. Dec.- 5th. On the 5th. of December 1837, the Gathering Order was set apart from the centre Family, at the East House, as follows.

Chester Risley,	Elders. G. O.	Phebe Andrews,
Hiram Young,		Adeline Russell.

Names of Members.

Sewel G. Thayer,	Members. of the G. O. And 3 Children.	Emelia Young
Joseph Stewart,		Hannah Beardsley,
Robert Holson,		Lucinda Mott,
Martin Harrington		Anna Bennett,
Chauncy Harrington.		Mary Jefferson,-Colored.

The above constituted the beginning, of the G. O.

Record.

1840. On the 15th. of June 1840, John P. Root,
June was appointed first Elder in the Gathering Order
15.— occasioned by the removal of Chester Risley.

Gathering Order.—

Sept. 15.— On the 15 of Sept. 1840, James S. Prescott,
was appointed first Elder in the Gathering Order
occasioned by the removal of John P. Root.

1841. On the 16" of August 1841, Oliver Wheeler
Aug. was appointed first Elder in the G. O. occasioned by
16.— the removal of James S. Prescott.

1841.— On the 16 of July 1841, Candace Russell,
July was appointed first Elder Sister in the G. O.
16.— Ruth Andrews, released.—

1846. On the 29th. of April 1846,
April Chester Risley, and James S. Prescott, were
29.— appointed Elders in the G. O. Occasioned
by the removal of Oliver Wheeler and Sewel G.
Thayer.

1846. On the 2d. of December 1846, Me-
Dec.— lenda Russell, was appointed first Elder Sister
2d. in the G. O.— Candace Russell was released.

1848. On the 8th. of June, 1848, Thankful
June Russell, was appointed second Elder Sister
8th. in the G. O.

1849. On the 11th. of Aug. 1849, Polly Torrey,
Aug. was appointed first Elder Sister in the G. O.—
11.—

Freeman Phillips was appointed second
Elder in the G. O.

Record.

1851. Melenda Russell, on January 9." 51,
Jan. was appointed Elder Sister in the G. O. again.
9th. Polly Torrey.

1852. On the 26th. of Sept. 1852 Hiram
Sept. Young and Isaiah Butler were appointed
" 26th. ed Elders in the Gathering Order.
" " Nov. 28." 1853, Nelson Phillips was second Elder – G. O.

1856. On the 8th. of Oct. 1856. Daniel A.
Oct. Baird, was appointed second Elder in the G. O.
" 8. th.

1857. On the 31." of Jan. 1857, James S.
Jan. Prescott, was appointed first Elder in the
31. G. O.

1858. On the 4th. of Sept 1858, Samuel Hurl-
Sept. but was appointed second Elder in the G. O.
4th.

" " On the 4th. of Sept. 1858, Arabella
" " Shepard, and Laura Houghton were appoin-
" " ted Elder Sisters in the G. O.
" "

1859. On the 21." of June 1859, John Nor-
June ton was appointed second Elder in the G. O.
16."

1862. On the 8th. of Feb. 1862, Rachel
Feb. (alias) Abigail Russell, was appointed Elder
8." Sister in the G. O.
" "

1863. On the 13th. of Jan. 1863, Jacob Wilk-
Jan. er, was appointed Second Elder in the G. O.
13."

" " On the 26th. of Sept. 1863, Charles Tay-
Sept. lor was appointed second Elder in the G. O.
26."

1864. On the 3d. of July 1864, James S. Pres-
July cott, was appointed first Elder in the Gather-
3d. ing Order.
" "

Record.

Gathering Order.

1866. On the 10th. of November 1866, Laura-
Nov: Houghton, was appointed second Elder Sister
10. in the G. O.

1867. On the 23d. of Oct. 1867 Melenda-
Oct - Russell, and Abigail Russell were appoint
23. -ed Elder Sisters in the G. O.

1869. On the 19th. of Jan. 1869, Sewel G. -
Jan. Thayer, was appointed first Elder in the
19th. G. O.

Feb. On the 15th. of Feb. 1869, Samuel-
S. Miner was appointed second Elder in the
15. G. - O.

July On the 24th. of July, 1869, Prudena
24. Sawyer was appointed Elder Sister in the G. O.

1870. On the 19th. of July, 1870, Lesettee-
July Walker, was appointed second Elder Sister in
19. the G. O.

1872. On the 30th. of May. 1872, Lydia Ann
Cramer was appointed first Elder Sister in
May the G. O.
30th.

Transferred.

Sept. On the 23d. of Sept. 1872, the G. O.
23. "Gathering Order" was transferred from the
East-House to the "Mill Family."

On the 23d. of Sept. 1872, John Pilot,
was appointed first Elder in the East-Family.-

1874. On the 12th. of August, 1874, John P. Root
Aug. was appointed first Elder at the East-House-
12th. Lesettee Walker was also appointed first Elder Sis-
-ter, at the East-House.

Record

1876. July. 6. On the 6th. of July 1876, Rachell Russell, was appointed first Elder Sister in the East Family.

1877. June 28. On the 28th. of June 1877, Harriet Sneider was appointed second Elder Sister, in the East Family.

1879. June 20. On the 20th. of June 1879, the Elders at the East House, stand thus.

John P. Root, } East House Elders. N. U. { Rachel Russell,
Charles Taylor. } { Harriet Sneider.

1877. Sept. 1. James S. Prescott, went to the Homeopathic Hospital, on Huron Street, in Cleveland, and staid 2 weeks, on account of "Bright's Disease of the Kidneys." But found no cure. His case required surgical treatment, which could not be found at home. Bill $.14.

1878. April 16. The Ministry arrived from Union Village earlier than usual, expecting to go to Mt. Lebanon.

Changes.

28. John Norton was released from being farm Deacon. G. W. Ingalls is appointed to fill the place. And to live with S. S. Miner, in the Elders lot, in the Centre family. Harriet Snyder is appointed to live with Elderess Rachel, at the East-House. Abigail Russell, is appointed to live with Candace at the Office. Lorette Walker is appointed family Deaconess, besides being Elder Sister in the Centre family.

29. The Ministry left for Mt. Lebanon.

1878.

Record.

May

14" A visit

" W. W. Andrews, Amarilla Coger, Temperance
" Devan, and Alma McGill, all of the Mill
" Family, made a visit to Union Village.

June

6." The visitors returned from U. V.

Bridge

27" The County commissioners built a
" Bridge across the road by the Black-smith's
" shop.

30" Lightning struck the roof of the
" kitchen, near the Belfry, at the centre house
" on Sabbath Day, about 2 o'clock, P. M.

July 4"

Barn.

4"

" A model Barn is being built at the
" Mill-Family - it is 80 feet long, 38 ft.
" wide - 28 feet posts - with a cupola in the
" centre for ventilation. With an underground
" room at the north end. -

Oct.

15." " The Ministry arrived from U. V.

31." " Laura Houghton, moved to the East-House
" and Mariah Pilot, moved to the Centre-
" family

31." The Ministry returned home. -

Nov

4." Wm. Shippee moved to the East-House

1879.

March 19." Hon. J. M. Peebles, gave us a Lecture
19." on his journey around the world, in the meeting
" room, at the Centre family, in which a full
" meeting was enjoyed, and in which some of
" our neighbors participated.

1879.

Record.

June 24" The Ministry from Union Village
24" arrived at N. U.
July 16"
16" They returned on the 16"
July.
Aug. 11" Wm. Avril, the blacksmith left
" N. U. for Kansas.
Nov.
" The Meeting House was newly shin-
" -gled.
1880. Jan. 12" G. W. Ingalls was taken ill-
Jan. which proved fatal on May 5th. following
12" age 60 years, and upwards. Disease - Congestion
" of the lungs.
Feb. John Norton, is appointed Trustee
8" for the time being.
April
6" Fire broke out in the hired men's house
" but was soon extinguished.
28"
" The Ministry arrived again from Union-
" Village, at North Union.

May 4"

Changes.

4"

"

Trustees.

"

" On May 4" The following changes took
" place. It was announced that the present board
" of trustees be released, consisting of. J. S. Prescott,
" G. W. Ingalls, S. S. Miner, and a new board
" be appointed, as follows. A. Russell, L. Abra-
" mer, J. Norton, and C. Bush, shall be the
" new board of trustees. And it was formally
" agreed to, rather than to make any schism in
" the body. Some further changes were made,
" as follows. In the Elders lot.

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Record.

1880.
May
4" S. S. Miner was appointed to live with
Elder Pomeroy, in the Elders lot, at the East Family
" C. Taylor was appointed first Elder in the
" centre Family. J. Norton was appointed to live
" with him. The change took place on the 11" inst.

20" Wm. Shippee moved from the E. F.
" to the Centre Family, and appointed farm Dea-
" con, which place he very ably fills.

May
25" The Ministry returned home.

June 2d. Elder Thomas Damon, first in the
2" Ministry at Hancock, Mass. called and
" staid over two nights, on his way to Union Village
" Ohio.

Oct. 7" " The Ministry from U. V. arrived at N. U.
7" " " only three in number.
" " "
" " " Ettie Leet returned from visiting her
" " " father.
27" " " The Ministry returned home.
" " "

1881. Jan. 6" John Norton, visited Union Village.
Jan. " " Organ.
6" " " A new organ bought for chh. music
" " " selected by Sarah F. Bates. Price $.75."

May " "
13" " " Wm. Reynolds deceased at Union Village
" " " May 13" 1881.
" " "
19" " " Mary Russell, deceased at the Office
" " " while on a visit, May 19" 1881.
" " "
June " " Elder Daniel Boler and Elder Giles B.
9" " " Avery, called and staid over night at the
" " " Mill Family, on their way to U. V.

1881.

Record.

June 24. Elder Daniel Boler and Elder Giles B. Avery, arrived at North Union, on their return from Union Village. Having appointed a new Ministry, on the brethren's side, in consequence of the death of Wm. Reynolds and Amos Parkhurst's illness. They returned to Mt. Lebanon on the 27th inst. by way of Groveland.

July 26. Henriettie Wallace left the Centre family and went to the East-House to live.

Aug. 23. The Ministry from Union Village arrived at North Union, consisting of Elder Mathew B. Carter, Elder Oliver C. Hampton, Eldress Louisa Farnham, and Eldress Adeline Wells, on their way to Mount Lebanon, N. Y. They left here on Tuesday, September 6th for Mt. Lebanon, N. Y. and other eastern Societies.

Sept. 6.

Rain.

16. We have had a heavy shower of rain, the first we have had for about three months.

Oct. 26. The Ministry returned from their visit to the eastern Societies.

Changes.

Nov. 1. Lesette Walker, is appointed Elder Sister in the Mill family. Elizabeth Deere, is moved to the Mill family. Lydia Ann Cramer is appointed Elder Sister in the Centre family. Candace Russell, is released from being [Trustee.

John Norton and Cornelius Bush are appointed to live at the Office, being legal trustees, it is considered, that the Office was built for that purpose, to keep strangers and hired men out of the Centre Family, and thus relieve the Elders of that burden, otherwise, the Office is perverted to a wrong use.

Record.

1881.
Nov.
10.

Cistern.

" A new cistern is built at the cheese-house,
" to take the water from the roof of the cow-barn.
" It is carried in clay pipes - the cistern is
" 12 feet in diameter, and 12 feet deep in the
" clear - said to contain 825 barrels of water-
" Be there more or less - money well invested.
"

Fire.

25. A fire broke out in the swill-house close
" by, but was soon extinguished. Loss about
" $. 50. " damage to the feed-house.

Dec.

Steam.

6." A portable steam engine and boilers,
" mounted on wheels, of ten horse power, cost
" about 9,50 dollars, sawed about 150 cords of 3 feet
" wood, into stove wood, for 25 cts. per cord - amounting to about $. 37,50 cts.

1882.
"
Feb.

Prophet.

18." A german prophet hath arisen in Cleveland,
" and spoken marvelous things, some of which
" have come to pass, and others are to follow.
" His name is Phillip Hering, residing on Davenport
" Street - No. 30 - Cleveland, Ohio.

Ministry.

The Ministry, Brethren, from Mt. Lebanon N. Y. viz. Elder Daniel Boler, and Giles B. Avery on their way to — Union Village called and staid over night at the Mill-family - June 12." 1881. and returned on the 24." inst. Left for Groveland on the 27." inst.

1881.

Record.

Aug. 23" - The Ministry from Union Village, Warren county, Ohio, consisting, of Matthew B. Carter, Oliver C. Hampton, Louisa Farnham, and Adeline Wells - on their way to Mt. Lebanon, N. Y.

Sept 6" -

6"

Changes -

Nov. 1" - Candace Russell is released from being Office Trustee, any longer - Lessettee Walker is appointed Elder Sister in the Mill family - Lydia Ann Cramer is appointed Elder Sister in the Centre family - Elizabeth Deere moves to the Mill family - John Norton, and Cornelius Bush, are appointed to live at the Office as legal Trustees.

10" -

Cistern.

The new Cistern at the Cheese-house is 12 feet in diameter, and is 12 feet - deep - said to hold 3,00, and 25 barrels of water - carried in pipes from the Cow-barn.

1882.

Ministry.

June 10" - The Ministry from Union Village, made their annual visit as usual - all well!

24" -

Changes -

Lesette Walker is appointed to to move back to the Centre family - John Norton is released from the Office - Temperance Dedan is appointed Elder Sister in the Mill family - Susan Miner is appointed to live with her

1883. Record.

May 4" The Union Village Ministry arrived at N. U. on their annual visit, May 4" 1883. accompanied by Ezra Leggett, to to attend to some points of law, with H. Rickert-'s Case-

22" The Ministry returned to U. V. on the 22" inst; having made a visit of about 3 weeks, allowing a week to each family.

Oct. 11" The U. V. Ministry arrived at N. U. on the 11" inst accompanied by Sanford Russell

Changes.

14" Sanford Russell, is appointed Elder in Center family- Curtis Cramer is appointed to live with him- This move was of short duration. Wm. Shippee was appointed to live at the East House- to take charge of the farm &c. Charles Taylor was nominally an Elder- Wm. Fitch was appointed to live with him, and peddle milk- and both proved failures-

1884.

Feb. 26" Lydia Ann Cramer went to the Dr. Amblers "Blue Rock Spring," to be doctored- and was there some months.

April 28" Matthew B. Carter, Sanford Russell and Ezra Legget, returned to Union Village by morning Train-

June 27" Samuel S. Miner, was appointed Elder brother, in the Centre family-

Land-

The Land owned at N. U. is 13,73, and $\frac{3}{10}$ Acres, according to the County Auditors Report, that we have to pay taxes, on annually

1884. Or, Journal.

Changes.

July 27" – 27" – Clymenia Miner, was appointed Elder Sister in the Centre family, Temperance Devan was appointed to live with her. Harriet Snyder, and Susan Miner were appointed Elder Sisters in the Mill family.– Mariah Pilot was moved to the Mill family.–

Aug. 4" – 4 – The Ministry returned to Union Village, by morning Train – taking Lessette Walker – with them, on a visit to U. V.

1885.

June 20" – 20" – The U. V. Ministry arrived at N. U. on the 20" inst. accompanied by Lessette Walker, in returning to her old home again; she was congratulated and made welcome to N. U. – she was needed to take charge at the Office, where she still occupies –

July 4" – East-House –

The East-House Farm", being rented to some German, and Bohemian families, containing about 200) Acres of land, for about $. 6,00 00" Rent, including the large commodious dwelling House, and out-buildings – All, for Six hundred dollars rent, annually –

The family being broken up, a part of them moved to the Centre family, and part went to the Mill family, according to their choice.

After all, N. U. is under a degree of financial prosperity – This must be conceded – J. S. P.

Record.

1885
Nov.
20" Elder Matthew B. Carter arrived
" at N. U. on being sent for; on some secu-
" lar business, which required his immediate and
1886 personal attention.- and returned home
Feb. on February 4" 1886.

4" ## Stone Quarry-

April Wm. Shippee was appointed to keep the
24" books, and seeing to the weighing of the
" Stone, at the Stone Quarry; all we sell to
" Charles Reader, ~~[illegible]~~ by weight - at 20
" cents per ton-

1886. The income on the Stone Quarry from
May the 1" of May 1886, to the 4" of July follow-
1" owing, was $. 280.00 two hundred and eight-
" y dollars.- all told-

Wm. Shippee

July
13" The Union Village Ministry returned
" home to day - except Elder Oliver - he will
" stay a few days longer -

"
" ## Changes-

15" Wm. Shippee is appointed to live with
" Elder Samuel S. Miner, for the time being;
" as second Elder in the Centre family- Thom
" -as Milrea, is appointed to keep the books
at the Stone Quarry, for the present time-

1886. # Fourth of July Celebration.

July
5"
"
"
" The 4" July being on the Sabbath, the
" celebration took place on Monday, the 5".
" It was instituted by Charles Reader who
" is running the "Shakers Stone Quarry" at the present
" time; being one of the City-Council, and no

July 5th doubt wanted to make all the capital he could out of it- consequently, controlled the whole affair. And as long as he done as he agreed; we had no fault to find ~~[illegible]~~ with his "Programme"- which, on his part was carried out to the letter; and the whole affair was very significant, from beginning to end.

- The Balloon Ascension proved a failure, owing to its taking fire near the bottom; so it could not be inflated with gas, above, on account of the leak in the bottom. This signified, that the rising hopes and expectations of believers cannot be realized at present "until the indignation is past"- It was highly "ominous."

The heavy cannonading which lasted for an hour or two signified, that the conflict will be great, between the two elements, or forces, now at work before it is ended.

The man, walking the Rope across the gulph stream, signified, that all who want the protection of God and his holy angels, in this day must walk in the straight line of obedience - in keeping the laws and commandments of God.

The last great act in the Programme was in the blowing down of the famous "Shaker Mill"- This was significant of the down-fall of original Shakerism in Ohio, and the inauguration of the second reign of antichrist, and history repeating itself- It may however, be of short duration.

The primitive Church stood only about one hundred years, in its purity, before it began to decline- The Church of Christ's Second Appearing at Mt. Lebanon, N. Y. has stood about the same length of time: and still retains its organization.

1886.

Record.

July 5" — The "Shaker Mill" in question was built in
" 1823. Its walls were 4 feet thick at the bottom
" of solid masonry; and 6 story's high on the south
" end. It took deep and heavy blasting on the inside
" of giant powder before its walls gave way. It had fully
" answered the end for which it was designed. It had
" out-lived its day and usefulness. It had only been a
" bill of expense: for a long time. Then farewell, Old Mill
" we will remember it, only for the good it has
" done! — I feel that this is applicable to myself in
Aug. some respects. J. S. P.

Wind-Mill.

12" — For raising water, and carrying it in
" pipes, to any part of the yard is a decided improve-
" ment. One large **Tank** is placed near the horse-
" barn to water the horses, and another large
" Reservoir, or **Tank** is placed in the Cow-yard.
" so that both cows and horses can have plenty
" of water, both summer and winter. It cost
" about $.200^00" all told.

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